

## PAST PERFECT

|                    | Subject      | Verb <i>have</i><br>in the past tense | Past participle | Complement               |
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| <b>Affirmative</b> | I            | had                                   | seen            | him before.              |
|                    | The computer | had                                   | broken down     | four times.              |
|                    | She          | had                                   | lived           | in Canada.               |
| <b>Negative</b>    | Horacio      | hadn't                                | invited         | them to the party.       |
|                    | They         | hadn't                                | prepared        | the presentation.        |
|                    | I            | hadn't                                | had             | time to help my brother. |

- Use the past perfect to express that an action in the past happened before another action in the past:  
He **had left** before I **arrived**.
- You can make contractions with had:  
I had seen – **I'd** seen, she had seen – **she'd** seen.