



**PAST PERFECT SIMPLE
VERSUS
PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

PAST PERFECT

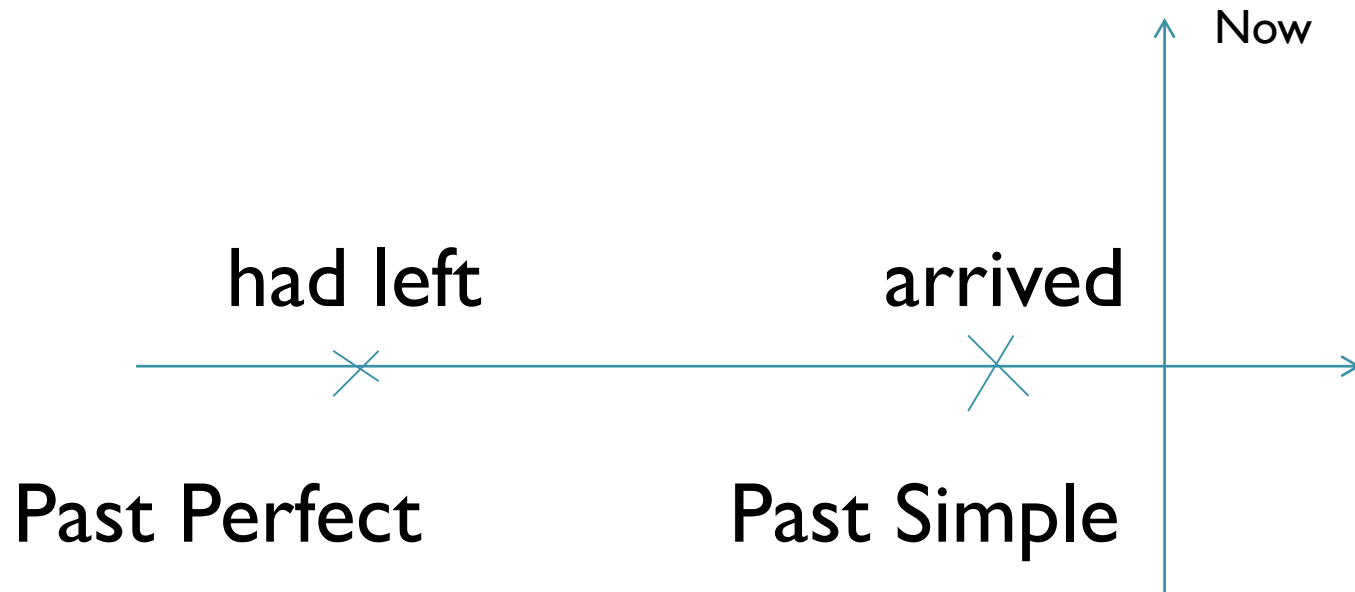
FORM: had+Ved/V3

USE: one action happened before
the other

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

- Yesterday by ____ o'clock
- Before some time in the past
- When the concert began

She had left when he arrived.



Concept questions

1. Are we talking about the past?
2. How many actions are there in the past?
3. Did both actions happen at the same time?
4. Did one action happen before the other?
5. Which action happened first?

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

FORM: had+been+Ving

USE: 1) duration of an activity up to a past point in time

2) result of an activity at a past point in time

TIME EXPRESSIONS:

- Yesterday **since** _____
- **For** some time in the past

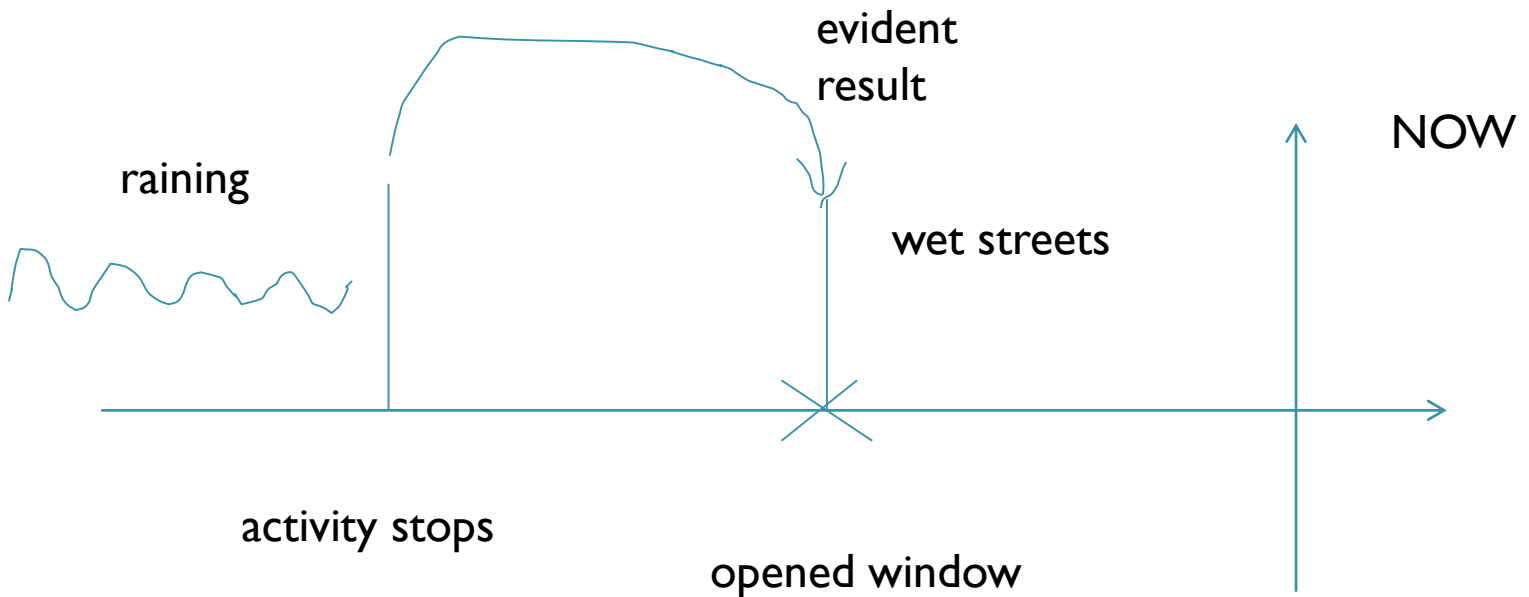
They had been swimming in the water **for** two hours when they were rescued



Concept questions

1. How long were they swimming in the water?
2. Did they stop swimming when they were rescued?

I opened the window and saw the streets were wet. It had been raining.



Concept questions

1. Was it raining when I opened the door?
2. Did it stop raining a short time before this?
3. How did I know?

Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous

The Past Perfect Tense

+ **had + V₃ (ed)**

- **hadn't + V₃ (ed)**

? **Had + V₃ (ed)**

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense

+ **had been + V_{ing}**

- **hadn't been + V_{ing}**

? **Had + been V_{ing}**

We use these tenses:

4. before or after with past simple to make the order of events clear.

More than twenty sailors **had died before** the ship reached the island.

4. to explain a past situation, by describing the events happening before.

Both boys were wet and muddy. They **had been playing** football in the rain.