

Uses of the Past Perfect

PAST PERFECT (I HAD LIVED)

It's formed by : HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE of main verb

Formado com: Had + Participio passado do verbo principal

When I arrived at the airport , the plane had already gone (go)

Quando cheguei ao aeroporto , o avião já tinha partido.

I arrived late to the theater . The play had finished minutes before (finish)

Eu cheguei tarde ao teatro . A peça terminara minutos antes

Use of this tense

Uso deste tempo

► The Past Perfect is used to indicate an action , or state , that happened before an other action in the past ,or that continued till a certain moment in the past.

O Past Perfect é usado para indicar uma ação, ou estado, que aconteceu antes de uma outra ação no passado, ou que continuou ate certo momento no passado.

When I arrived at the airport , the plane had already gone away.

Quando eu cheguei ao aeroporto , o avião já tinha ido embora.

It was David's first time in an airplane . He was nervous because he hadn't flown before.

Era a primeira vez de David em um avião. Ele estava nervoso porque não tinha voado antes.

► The past perfect (I had done) is the past of the present perfect

(I have done) compare :

O past Perfect é o passado do Present Perfect. Compare:

The car is dirty . I haven' t washed it for weeks (present)

O carro esta sujo . Eu não o tenho lavado há semanas.

The car was dirty . I hadn ' t washed it for weeks (past)

O carro estava sujo . Eu não o tinha lavado há semanas.

► With words like after , before , when , as soon as , is frequently used the Simple Past , but the Past Perfect is used to specify that when the second action happened the first was ended .

Com as palavras acima geralmente é usado o Past Simple, mas o Past Perfect é usado para especificar que uma segunda ação aconteceu depois que a primeira terminou.

Examples:

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After the plane left , we went back home
 Depois que o avião partiu , nós voltamos para casa.
 After the plane had left , we went back home.
 Depois que o avião tinha partido , nós voltamos para casa.

These are the normal forms- estas são as formas normais

affirmative	negative	interrogative	interrog-negative
had lived	had not lived	had I lived ?	had I not lived ?
had lived	had not lived	had you lived ?	had you not lived ?
had lived	had not lived	had (he,she it) lived ?	had(he,she,it) not l
had lived	had not lived	had we lived ?	had we not lived ?
had lived	had not lived	had you lived ?	had you not lived ?
had lived	had not lived	had they lived ?	had they not lived ?

► As it happens with all the other tenses , the contracted forms are normally used in the everyday conversation .

Como acontece com todos os outros tempos, as formas contraídas são mais usadas no dia a dia.

These are the contracted forms Estas são as formas contraídas

affirmative	negative	interrogative - negative
I ' d lived	I hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t I lived ?
you ' d lived	you hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t you lived ?
he ' d lived	he hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t he lived ?
she ' d lived	she hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t she lived ?
it ' d lived	it hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t it lived ?
we ' d lived	we hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t we lived ?
you ' d lived	you hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t you lived ?
they ' d lived	they hadn ' t lived	hadn ' t they lived ?

► Compare these sentences -compare estas frases

Was Jennifer there when you arrived ? No , she had already gone home (Past Perfect)

Jennifer estava lá quando você chegou ? Não , ela já tinha ido para casa

Was Jennifer there when you arrived ? Yes , but she went home soon afterwards (Simple Past)

Jennifer estava lá quando voce chegou? Sim , mas ela foi para casa logo depois.

David wasn' t home when I phoned him . He was in Los Angeles (Simple past)
 David não estava em casa quando eu lhe telefonei . Ele estava em Los Angeles.

David had just got home when I phoned him . He had been in Los Angeles (Past Perfect)

David tinha acabado de chegar em casa quando eu telefonei . Ele tinha estado em Los Angeles.

In the examples above , you can see the different uses of the Past Perfect and the Simple Past.

Even in Portuguese the meaning of each use is different , OK?

Nos exemplos acima você pode ver o uso diferente do Past Perfect e do Simple Past.

Mesmo em português o significado é diferente,ok?

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