



LESSON 9

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

Forma affermativa	: Soggetto + had + Participio passato (-ed / 3° colonna)
Forma interrogativa	: Had + soggetto + Participio passato
Forma negativa	: Soggetto + hadn't + Participio passato
Forma interrog. - negativa	: Hadn't + soggetto + Participio passato

Quando si usa :

Il Past Perfect (trapassato prossimo) viene usato per esprimere un'azione avvenuta precedentemente al momento passato a cui si fa riferimento. Il suo uso corrisponde generalmente a quello dell'italiano :

Es. When we got to the station the train had just left.

Quando arrivammo alla stazione il treno era appena partito.

Viene inoltre usato con le espressioni del tipo :

It was the first / second / etc. time (era la prima /seconda volta)

Es. It was the first time we had travelled first class.

Era la prima volta che viaggiavamo in prima classe.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Forma affermativa	: Soggetto + had + been + -ing
Forma negativa	: Soggetto + hadn't + been + -ing
Forma interrogativa	: Had + soggetto + been + -ing
Forma interrog. / negativa	: Hadn't + soggetto + been + -ing

Il Past Perfect continuous è la forma passata del Present Perfect continuous.



GRAMMAR LESSONS

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Confronta gli esempi :

Present

Past

He's out of breath. He has been running. He was out of breath. He had been running.

Si usa il Past Perfect continuous per parlare di azioni che erano state in svolgimento fino ad un momento preciso del passato.

Past Perfect simple / Simple Past

Es. Was Tom there when you arrived ? No, he had already gone home.

Was Tom there when you arrived ? Yes, but he went home soon afterwards.

Ann wasn't in when I phoned her. She was in London.

Ann had just got home when I phoned her. She had been in London.

Past Perfect simple / Past Continuous

Es. When I looked out of the window, it had been raining. (Non stava piovendo quando ho guardato fuori. Aveva smesso.)

When I looked out of the window, it was raining. (La pioggia stava cadendo quando ho guardato fuori dalla finestra.)