#tenses

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

> it is used to express an action that began before another action in the past, emphasizing its duration

ex. Jean had been waiting for the bus for hours, when it started to rain.

> we usually find it with some **time expressions**: how long, for, since etc.

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I/you/he/we/they had been + main verb -**ing form**

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I/you/he/we/they hadn't been + main verb **-ing form**

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Had I/you/he/we/they been + main verb -**ing form** ?

SHORT ANSWER:
Yes, I/you/he/we/they had
No, I/you/he/we/they hadn't

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE

>used to express action that happened before a specific action in the past (<u>past simple</u>)

ex. I had met him *before* he become famous → L'ho incontrato prima che diventasse famoso

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I/you/he/we/they had (<u>past simple</u> of have to) + main verb **<u>past participle</u>**

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I/you/he/we/they hadn't + main verb **<u>past participle</u>**

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Had I/you/he/we/they + main verb **<u>past participle</u>** ?

SHORT ANSWER :
Yes, I/you/he/we/they had
No, I/you/he/we/they hadn't

>we can found it whit some **time expression** like:
- already   -earlier
- when   -by the time
- just   -still
- before   -for...years
- it was the first/second time

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