

# Unit 14

## 14.1 Past Perfect

### Form

*had + -ed* (past participle)

The past participle of regular verbs ends in *-ed*. There are many common irregular verbs. See the list on p143

### Positive and negative

I He/She/It We/You/They	'd (had) hadn't	arrived before 10.00.
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### Question

Had	I he/she/it we/you/they	left?
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### Short answer

Yes, he had. No, they hadn't.
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### Use

The Past Perfect is used to express an action in the past which happened before another action in the past.



### Note

Notice the use of the Past Perfect and the Past Simple in the following sentences.

When I got home, John **cooked** a meal. (First I got home, then John cooked.)

When I got home, John **had cooked** a meal. (John cooked a meal before I got home.)

## 14.2 Reported statements

### Form

The usual rule is that the verb form moves 'one tense back'.

#### Direct speech

##### Present

'I admire you.'

'I'm going out now.'

##### Present Perfect

'We've met before.'

##### Past Simple

'We met in 1987.'

##### will

'I'll mend it for you.'

##### can

'I can swim.'

#### Reported speech

##### Past

He said he admired me.

Ann said she was going out.

##### Past Perfect

She said they'd met before.

##### Past Perfect

He said they'd met in 1987.

##### would

She said that she would mend it for me.

##### could

She said she could swim.

### Note

Notice the use of *say/tell*.

*Say + (that)*

She **said (that)** they were happy together.

*Tell + person (that)*

He **told me (that)** he admired his boss.

**2** Complete the report of the interview with the correct verb forms.

In an interview, Beth Taylor said that she (1) *had never known* about David, but she (2) was pleased that she (3) knew him now. They (4) had met each other for the first time a few weeks ago, and they had found they (5) had found a lot in common. She told me she (6) had been married twice, and that she now (7) lived in Oxford with her husband, Bruce, who (8) was a photographer.

She said that David (9) was coming to see her next week, and he was bringing his three children. She was sure they (10) would get on well with her children.

**T 14.6** Listen and check.

**Check it**

**3** Report these statements.

- 1 'I like Anna,' said Jim.
- 2 'I'm staying with my aunt,' said Anna.
- 3 'Mr Walker phoned before lunch,' Sue said.  
'He didn't leave a message,' she added.
- 4 'I don't think it'll rain,' said Ken.
- 5 'Ken's gone home,' Sue said.  
'He went early,' she added.
- 6 'I'll ring you this evening,' Anna told Jim.

4 Complete the conversations with *bring*, *take*, *come*, and *go* in the correct form.

1 A Goodbye, everyone! I'm going on holiday tomorrow.

B Where are you going?

A Australia. I'm taking my family to visit their cousins in Sydney.

B Lucky you! When you come back, bring me a T-shirt!

2 A Listen, class! Please finish your work before you go home. And tomorrow, don't forget to bring in your money for the school trip. We're going to the Natural History Museum.

B Oh, Miss Jones! Can't you take us somewhere more exciting?

3 A Martin, you were very late last night. What time did you come home?

B It was before midnight, Mum, honest. Mick brought me home in his car.

4 A I've been decorating my new flat. You must come and visit me on Saturday. And bring Emma and Jane with you. I'll cook you a meal.

B Great! We'll bring some ice-cream for dessert!

5 (In London)

A I'll miss you when I go back home to Morocco. You must come and visit me next year.

B I'd love to! I want you to take this photo with you. It will remind you of the day we went to Oxford together.

A OK. And when you visit, bring me some more English books to read!

6 (In Turkey)

A I'm going to London tomorrow, so tonight my best friend is coming round to my house to say goodbye. She's bringing a present she wants me to take to her sister in London.

B Well, have a good trip!