



PAST perfect Examples and exercises

English 4TH Grade.



Watch the following video:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tp7bZyqc7PE>



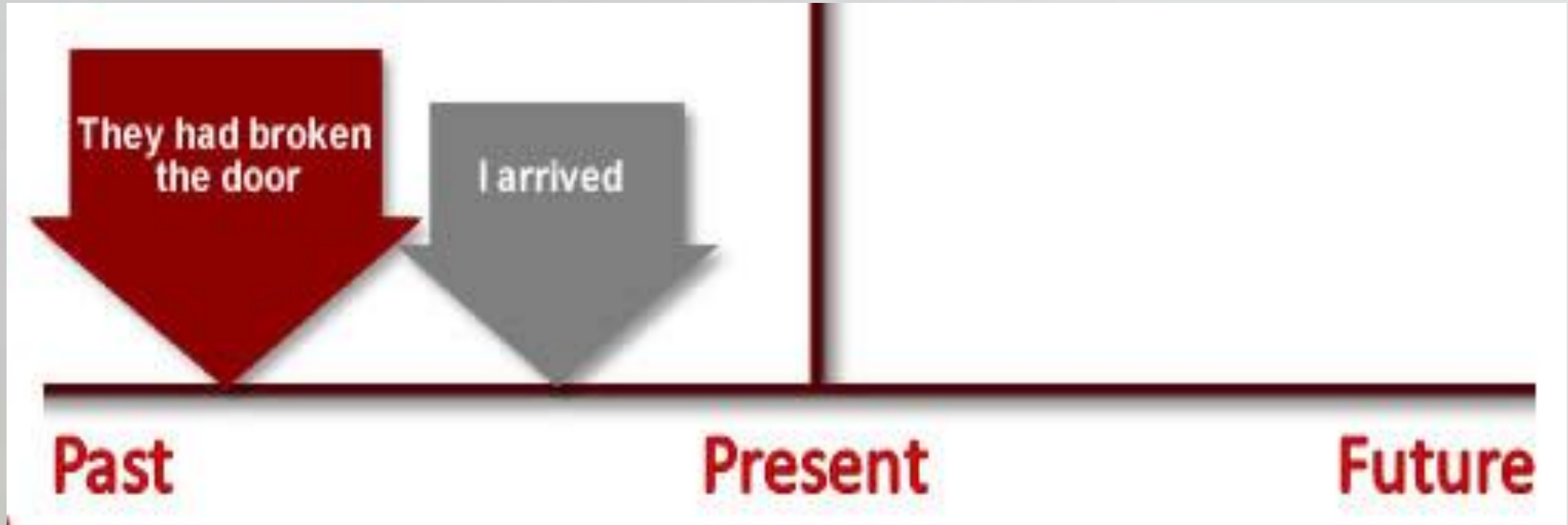
Read and answer.



I couldn't believe my eyes

- Yesterday when I arrived home, I couldn't believe my eyes:
- Someone had broken into my house.
- They had broken the door and the window.
- They had stolen all my money.
- They had broken my TV and my computer.
- They had emptied my drawers.
- They had even eaten the food in the fridge.

Which things happened first? Had those terrible things happened before or after arriving?



As you can see the past perfect (*they had broken the door*) is used to talk about a certain action or activity that took place before a certain moment in the past (*I arrived*).

The past perfect tense is formed by using **had** + the past participle of the verbs.

- For irregular verbs, use the past participle form (3rd column in your list of irregular verbs).
- For regular verbs, just add **ed**.



infinitive	simple past	past participle
go	went	gone
fly	flew	flown
break	broke	broken
have/has	had	had
eat	ate	eaten
perform	performed	performed
see	saw	seen

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmdk2pkoc9w>

- I **had performed** this play three times at school.
- She **had eaten** a delicious hamburger for lunch time.
- I **hadn't seen** that movie when I travelled to U.S.

You can form the **negative** of the **past perfect** just use **had not** and the **past participle** of the verb.

- She **had not** been in the U.S.A
She **hadn't** been in the U.S.A
- I **had not** played
I **hadn't** played
- It was midnight and I still **hadn't** done my homework



And to make a 'yes / no' question put 'had' before the subject:

- ❖ Had I come?
- ❖ Had you eaten?
- ❖ Had she gone?
- ❖ Had it rained?
- ❖ Had he studied?
- ❖ Had we met?
- ❖ Had they left?



- For 'wh' questions put the question word at the beginning:
 - When had I come?
 - Why had you eaten?
 - Where had she gone?
 - When had it rained?
 - Why had he studied?
 - How had we met?
 - When had they left?



NOW YOU DO IT!

*built - forgotten - seen -
lost - relaxed - finished -
travelled.*



1. Julius _____ school when he went swimming. (finish).
2. I _____ my swimming suit when I got there. (forget).
3. I went to the colosseum, but my friend _____ her coins. (lose).
4. They _____ a snake next to the wall. (see).
5. Before he got to rome, he _____ for four days. (travel).
6. romans _____ longer roads. (build)
7. faustus _____ in the morning, before he went to the race.
(relax).



Matching exercise

Match the numbers with the letters

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| 1. I was very tired () | a. because I had seen the film already. |
| 2. I didn't want to go to the movies with my friends () | b. as I hadn't slept well for several days. |
| 3. They offered me muffins, () | c. but I wasn't hungry because I had just eaten lunch. |
| 4. As soon as she had done her homework, () | d. because I had read the novel before. |
| 5. I was interested in the discussion about the story () | e. she went to bed. |

NEGATIVE FORM - HAD NOT, HADN'T



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seen – lost – relaxed –
finished – travelled.*

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Past perfect Questions



*forgotten – seen –
been – went – read*

1. _____ (you/go) there before we went together?
2. _____ (she/ see) the film already?
3. Why _____ (he forget) about the meeting?
4. _____ (I / read) the book before the class?
5. Where _____ (you /be) when I saw you?