

عنوان المحاضرة: الفعل الماضي في اللغة الانكليزية
المادة الدراسية: زمن الفعل في اللغة الانكليزية
المرحلة الدراسية: المرحلة الثانية
مدرس المادة: م.م. مروة حسان بونس
العام الدراسي: 2025-2026



جامعة الموصل
كلية الآداب
القسم: اللغة الفرنسية

Past Tense

Past tense is a verb tense used to indicate an action completed in the past. This tense is formed by adding (-ed) to the base form of regular verbs as (called, wanted, liked, worked) and in a past form of irregular verbs as (began, broke, brought, bought, gave, spent, put)

Uses of past simple: It is used to talk about the following:

- Something that happened once in the past:

I met my friend in 1999.

- Something that happened several times in the past

When I was a boy, I walked a mile to school every day.

- Something that was true for some time in the past

I lived abroad for ten years.

Negative and question forms:

To make negative and question forms of past simple, (did) is used as the following examples:

- They didn't go to Spain this year.
- When did you meet your friend?
- Did you live abroad?

Note: There are many **adverbs** that are used with past tense like: ago, in the past, last night, last week, last year, yesterday, in 1999 ... etc.

past tense is used after (**as if, as though, wish**) as in the following examples

She walks as though she was a queen.

The floods were rising as if it was the end of the world.

I wish I had a Ferrari.

Past Continuous

Positive structure: was/were + V+ ing

I was working. I

Negative structure: S+ was/were+ not+ V-ing

I was not working

Interrogative structure: was/were+ S+ V-ing+...?

Were you working?

Yes, I was

Uses of past continuous

Past continuous tense is used to talk about the following:

- An action continuing during period of time in the past.

Sara was working all day.

- An action continuing during moment in the past.

At 11:00 pm, I was sleeping.

- An action continuing when it was interrupted by another action.

They were having dinner when we arrived.

While they were having dinner, we arrived.

- An action that was planned in the past.

I was planning to call John, but I didn't have time.

- Polite request

I was wondering if you could help me.

Note: stative verbs are not used in past continuous. These verbs describe a state or condition as mental or emotional states, look at the following examples:

I was knowing him for many years. (false)

Susan was hating him. (false)

He was having a computer.

It is also wrong to use past tense with possession or ownership verbs such as

They were owing a big house.

There are also common verbs which are not used with continuous as:

She was needing to catch her.

We were wanting to call you.

Past Perfect

Positive structure: S+ had+ p.p

I had worked

Negative structure: S+ had +not+ p. p+

I hadn't worked

Interrogative structure: Had|+ S+ p. p+ ...?

Had you worked?

Yes, I had.

No, she hadn't.

Use of past perfect

Past perfect is used to talk about an action completed before a certain moment in the past. If two actions happened in the past, past perfect is used to show the action that took place earlier as the following examples:

Before the guests arrived, we had cleaned the house. (short time ago)

By the time Mary moved to Canada, she had graduated from a university. (long time ago)

Note: There are some expressions that are used to refer to past perfect such as (already, yet, for, since, never and just etc.)

Before we moved, we had already sold our home.

When she arrived home, she hadn't heard the news yet.

At the time I joined the company, I had been a sales person for five years.

Before they visited the U.S, they had never seen snow.

Past Perfect Continuous

Positive structure: S+ had+ been+ V-ing+....

I had been working

Negative structure: S+ had+ not+ been+ V-ing+....

I had not been working

Interrogative structure: Had+ S+ been+ V-ing+

Had he been working?

Uses of past perfect continuous

1- It is used to talk about an action started in the past and continued to another action in the past.

I had been living in Baghdad before I moved to Mosul.

2- It is used to describe the duration before something in the past

Ali needed a holiday because he had been working for 6 months.

3- It is used to describe the cause of something in the past

He was tired because he had been playing football.

Exercise (1): Use past perfect continuous

1- I (think) of ordering pizza.

2- They (hope) to get a promotion.

3- Had (you, text) each other?

4- We (check) our voicemail. make it negative

Exercise (2): correct the mistake

- 1- She ~~hadn't~~ been moving.
- 2- The police had been looking for him since two months.
- 3- They had been knowing each other for many years.
- 4- When you were going to call?
- 5- You waiting a long time?
- 6- I was believing you
- 7- She was ~~bakcing~~ a cake.
- 8- We had went to the mall;
- 9- Who had planed the party?
- 10- She had already ~~cryed~~,

I

Exercise (3): Use past continuous

- 1- I (learn) English.
- 2- We (drive).
- 3- Steven (go) to the conference. make it question

Exercise (4): Use past perfect

- 1- Before the plane took off, the passengers (find) their seats.
- 2- It (stop) snowing before we landed.
- 3- Before the baby sitter arrived, the kids (go) to bed.