**Time conjunction**

What is the difference between the past simple and past perfect?

What is Their Main Difference? While both tenses tend to talk about things that happened in the past, the two clearly have differences. **Past simple expresses actions that occurred in the past, while past perfect talks about something that occurred before another past event or action**.

When two actions occur in the past, the first action following the chronological order should be put in the *past perfect* while the second one should be put in the *past simple*

These actions are combined into one sentence using time conjunction

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| When  | after | already | Before  | As soon as  | until |

The bus *had left* before I *arrived*

**Structure of the past perfect:**

Had + past participle of the verb

Note:

-When she *arrived* at the airport, she realized she *dropped* her passport

-When she *arrived* at the airport, she realized she *had dropped* her passport

She arrived at the airport in a moment in the past but the moment she dropped her passport happened before this past moment

Since we are just using the past simple sentence becomes confusing

By using the past perfect we can distinguish the one even happened before earlier

Examples: complete the sentences with the corresponding tense

* We **had** already **eaten** when John **came** home.
* Last year Juan **passed** all his exams.
* When I **got** to the airport, I discovered I **had forgotten** my passport.
* I **opened** my handbag to find that I **had forgotten** my credit card.
* When we **arrived** at the station, the train **had** already **left**.

Activity: Link the pairs:

* Algeria (to start) its liberation war
* Algeria (to take) independence
* Algeria had started its liberation war before it took independence