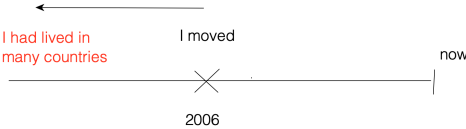
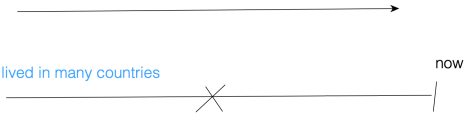
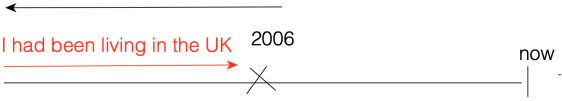


Past Perfect & Past Perfect Continuous

Past perfect can be quite confusing for people. This is due to two things:

- 1) it is connected to the order of events - which is not always the same as the order people speak in
- 2) often native speakers do not use it or they rearrange the sentences which use it.

Below is some explanation about the function:

Grammar	Function	Example
<p>Past Perfect Simple</p> <p>had + past participle</p>	<p>to show an action that happened before an established action in the past</p>	<p>Use the past perfect when you move back through time:</p> <p>I moved to Spain in <u>2006</u>. Before then I had lived in many countries.</p>  <p>I moved to Spain in 2006. Before then I had lived in many countries.</p> <p>I have lived in many countries. (1979 - 2022)</p>  <p>I lived in many countries before I moved to Spain in 2006.</p> <p>Use past simple when you tell the story chronologically.</p>
<p>Past Perfect Continuous</p> <p>had been + verb+ing</p>	<p>An action in progress up to an established time in the past.</p>	<p>I moved to Spain in 2006. I had been living in the UK.</p>  <p>I moved to Spain in 2006. I had been living in the UK.</p>

Exercise 1

Choose the correct tense: Past simple or Past Perfect?

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build)
2. He (not / visit)Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she (do / already)her homework.
4. When I I (learn) to ride a bike.
5. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make)
6. The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on)six weeks before.
7. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order)
8. My son (hurt) his leg last week.
9. I could not remember the poem we (learn)the week before.
10. The children collected the apples that (fall) from the tree.
11. (he / phone)Angie before he went to see her in London.
12. She (not / ride) a horse before that day.

Exercise 2

Can you write any past perfect sentences for the prompts below? (Are there any other you can do?)

1) Mr Johnson

Appointments:

- 01/03/14 - headache, insomnia
- 01/04/14 - headache worse, insomnia, dizziness
- **Today:** 06/04/14 - acute head pain, visual disturbances, dizziness

2) Mrs Edwards

Presented:

- Yesterday: Reports 'feeling weak and nauseous' - 2 weeks

3) Sarah Slattery

- March 2017: Sister died in car accident
- June 2017: Experiencing acute symptoms of grief - withdrawn, lethargic, unwilling to eat. Refer to bereavement support
- Today: July 14th 2017 - showing self-harm and suicidal tendencies. Refer psychiatrist urgently

Answers

Exercise 1

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build) **had built**.
2. He (not / visit) **had not visited** Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she (do / already) **had already done** her homework.
4. **When I was 5 years old** I (learn) **learned** to ride a bike.
5. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make) **had made**.
6. The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on) **had put on** six weeks before.
7. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order) **had not ordered**.
8. My son (hurt) **hurt** his leg last week.
9. I could not remember the poem we (learn) **had learned** the week before.
10. The children collected the apples that (fall) **had fallen/ were falling / fell** from the tree.
11. (he / phone) **He called / He had called** Angie before he went to see her in London.
12. She (not / ride) **had not ridden** a horse before that day.

Exercise 2

1) Mr Johnson

Past Simple/Past continuous

On the 1st April, Mr Johnson **presented** with a 1-month history of headaches & insomnia. Additionally he **was experiencing** dizziness.

Past Perfect

On the 1st April, Mr Johnson **presented** with headaches, insomnia and dizziness. He **had been experiencing** headaches and insomnia for the previous month.

Present Perfect

Mr Johnson's condition **has deteriorated**.

Mr Johnson's symptoms **have worsened**.

2) Mrs Edwards

- Yesterday, Mrs Edwards reported that she had been feeling weak and nauseous for two weeks.
- Mrs Edwards presented at our clinic yesterday, and reported that he had been feeling weak and nauseous for 2 weeks / had been experiencing weakness & nausea
- Yesterday, Mrs Edwards reported that she had been feeling weak and nauseous for 2 weeks
- Yesterday, he reported that he **has been feeling** weak and nauseous for the last 2 weeks
- Before presentation, Mrs Edwards **had felt** nausea and weakness.

3) **Sarah Slattery**

Miss Slattery presented in June with symptoms of grief, including being withdrawn, and lethargic, and unwillingness to eat. Her sister had died two months previously