

## Past Perfect Simple & Past Perfect Continuous Review

### Remember:

When you use past perfect we talk about things before *established events* in the past.

It's not possible to use past perfect when there is only *one action*.

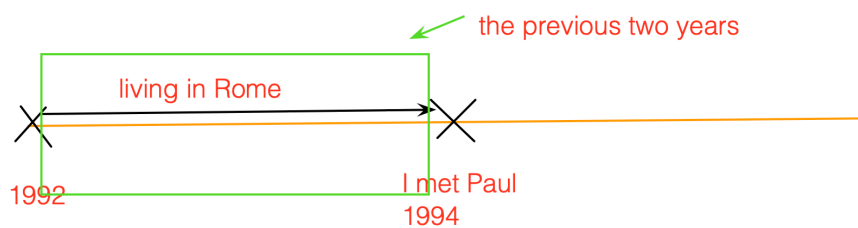
	Function	Example
<b>Past Perfect Simple</b> <b>had + past participle</b>	an action before an established action / event in the past	<p><b>Past simple:</b> I <i>left</i> the door unlocked last night and then I <i>was burgled</i>.</p> <p><b>Past Perfect:</b> I was burgled last night. I <i>had left</i> the door unlocked.</p>
<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b>		<p><b>Present continuous:</b> I am listening. I am learning to drive.</p> <p><b>Past continuous:</b> I was listening. I was learning to drive.</p> <p><b>Past perfect continuous:</b> I moved to Manchester in 2010. I had been living in Liverpool.</p> <p>Mr Smith had a successful kidney transplant last week. He had been visiting our dialysis centre daily.</p>

'by'
<p>by = before</p>
<p>By 1993, Paul <i>had completed</i> two years of secondary school.</p> <p>By the tenth day, Mrs Wilson's wound <i>had healed</i> sufficiently for discharge.</p>

### Time phrases with past perfect

Use 'previous', not 'the past/ the last'

**Past Perfect:** I met Paul in 1994. *In the previous two years* he had been living in Rome.



**Present Perfect:** *In the last two years* he has been living in Rome.



## Exercise

You are a locum GP, who has been covering the Nursing Home resident doctor, who has been away for two weeks. Can you write a handover, using past perfect?

Today's date: 22/02/2021

Mrs Suzanne Richards, 77

14/02/2023	<p>Phone call to locum GP – Pt complains - 'generally sick': headache, sore throat</p> <p>Discussion – loneliness, food at nursing home bad</p> <p>Advice: rest and paracetamol</p>
16/02/2023	<p>Nursing home visit – Pt reports: symptoms worse: incl painful swallowing, tender/painful neck</p> <p>Examination: tonsils swollen w/ white patches, red spots roof of mouth, swollen neck glands</p> <p>Rapid strep test performed: confirmed strep throat</p> <p>Prescribe: Amoxicillin 500mg BD – 5 days</p>
22/02/2023	Patient - call to confirm recovery.

## Answers

On 16<sup>th</sup> February, during a nursing home visit, Mrs Richards reported symptoms suggestive of tonsillitis, which she had been experiencing for two days. Upon examination, her tonsils were swollen with white patches, and red spots on the roof of her mouth, along with swollen neck glands were noted. A rapid strep test confirmed strep throat. Consequently, she was commenced on amoxicillin for five days. She called on 22<sup>nd</sup> February to confirm her recovery.