

# Past Perfect Tense

Past perfect tense refers to an action completed at a time in the past **BEFORE** another past *time or action*. It is used to show a chronological relationship between two or more actions/situations/events in the past.

⇒ I **had decided** to switch majors before I entered my sophomore year of college. [past action comes before another past action]

The Past Perfect Tense is not the same as the Simple Past Tense. Simple Past Tense refers to **ONE** action that began and ended in the past:

⇒ I **decided** to switch majors last semester. [one action began and ended in the past]

	Singular	Plural
First Person	I had decided	We have decided
Second Person	You had decided	You have decided
Third Person	He, she, it has decided	They have decided

# Present Perfect Tense

**Present perfect tense indicates a relationship between the present and the past. It refers to a situation that began in the past and still continues into the present**

⇒ They have lived in Alabama for thirteen years. [situation originating in the past still continues]

⇒ I have cooked that recipe already. Do you have another? [past action that is currently relevant]

**The present perfect of any verb is the auxiliary verb *to have* (present tense), plus a past tense verb.**

Affirmative		
Subject	to have	past participle
She	has	visited.
Negative		
Subject	to have + not	past participle
She	has not (hasn't)	visited.
Interrogative		
to have	subject	past participle
Has	she	visited?