



Past Perfect Tense

The form is : **S + Had + V_p**⁴

This tense is used to express an action that has taken place before another action in the Past, it cannot exist on its own, this action could be one that:

- i) Had just finished
- ii) Had finished then
- iii) Had finished a period and could continue

The tense is used when we have a past action and another action that happened before.

Examples:

- i) I came here at 3 p.m., before I had eaten lunch.
- ii) I had seen the museum before I left the city

i.e. *abbr. (of id est) cioè.*

e.g. *abbr. (of exempli gratia) p. es. (per esempio).*

N.B. *nota bene*