

# Past Perfect Story 1

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**Where were they? What happened?  
What had they done?**

Last night, Dane and Emily danced in a competition. They danced a salsa dance. They had practiced for 6 months before they danced in the competition. They were very good.

Dane and Emily's friends were in the audience. Before that night, they had never seen Dane and Emily dance. In fact, Dane and Emily had never danced in front of anyone before the competition.

After everyone had danced, the judges announced the winners. Dane and Emily won! They were the best dancers in the competition. Emily said she had never practiced so hard before! She was glad they had practiced a lot.

## Past Perfect Story 1 – Exercises

**A. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Perfect tense.**

1. How long had Dane and Emily practiced before the competition?

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2. Before that night, who had seen Dane and Emily dance?

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3. What happened after everyone had danced?

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**B. Rewrite the following sentences as positive or negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.**

**Examples for the sentence “Nick had finished before noon.**

**Negative:** Nick had not finished before noon.

**Yes/No Question:** Had Nick finished before noon?

**WH-Question:** Who had finished before noon?

**Tag Question:** Nick had finished before noon, hadn't he?

1. They had practiced for 6 months.

**Negative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes/No Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WH-Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tag Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Before that night, they had never seen Dane and Emily dance.

**Positive:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes/No Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WH-Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tag Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. They had practiced a lot.

**Negative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes/No Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WH-Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tag Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Turn the following sentences into Past Perfect.**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the game before it rained.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (save) her money for 2 years before she bought the car.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) him before he was my boss.
4. Tina said she \_\_\_\_\_ (find) my purse in her car.
5. She woke up early because she \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a new job.

## Past Perfect Story 1 – Answers

### A. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Perfect tense.

1. How long had Dane and Emily practiced before the competition?

Dane and Emily had practiced for 6 months before the competition.

2. Before that night, who had seen Dane and Emily dance?

Before that night, nobody had ever seen Dane and Emily dance.

3. What happened after everyone had danced?

After everyone had danced, the judges announced the winners.

### B. Rewrite the following sentences as positive and negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

1. They had practiced for 6 months.

**Negative:** They had not practiced for 6 months.

**Yes/No Question:** Had they practiced for 6 months?

**WH-Question:** What had they done for 6 months?

**Tag Question:** They had practiced for 6 months, hadn't they?

2. Before that night, they had never seen Dane and Emily dance.

**Positive:** Before that night, they had seen Dane and Emily dance.

**Yes/No Question:** Before that night, had they ever seen Dane and Emily

dance?

**WH-Question:** Before that night, who had never seen Dane and Emily

dance?

**Tag Question:** Before that night, they had never seen Dane and Emily

dance, had they?

3. They had practiced a lot.

**Negative:** They had not practiced a lot.

**Yes/No Question:** Had they practiced a lot?

**WH-Question:** Who had practiced a lot?

**Tag Question:** They had practiced a lot, hadn't they?

**C. Turn the following sentences into Past Perfect.**

1. They had finished the game before it rained.

2. She had saved her money for 2 years before she bought the car.

3. I had met him before he was my boss.

4. Tina said she had found my purse in her car.

5. She woke up early because she had taken a new job.

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