

# Past Perfect

## Bildung

Das **past perfect** wird gebildet  
mit der Form des **simple past** von **to have**  
(Hilfsverb),  
also **had**,  
sowie dem **past participle des Verbs**.

**I had waited**  
**you had talked**  
**he / she / it had slept**  
**we had danced**  
**you had eaten**  
**they had collected**

## Gebrauch

Das **past perfect** gibt  
**Handlungen, Zustände, Situationen**  
wieder, die **vor der eigentlichen Erzählzeit in der**  
**Vergangenheit (simple past)** liegen.  
Das past perfect ist also die „Vergangenheit zur  
Vergangenheit“ oder Vorvergangenheit.

In Nice I **met** my friend Jacques who **had bought**  
his sailing boat the month before.  
When I **arrived** at noon, his wife **wasn't** there. She  
**had gone** to the market to buy some food for lunch.  
She **had left** at 11 o'clock.  
My friend and I **had** a cold drink, which **he had**  
**prepared** in the galley of the boat. The drink **was**  
delicious.