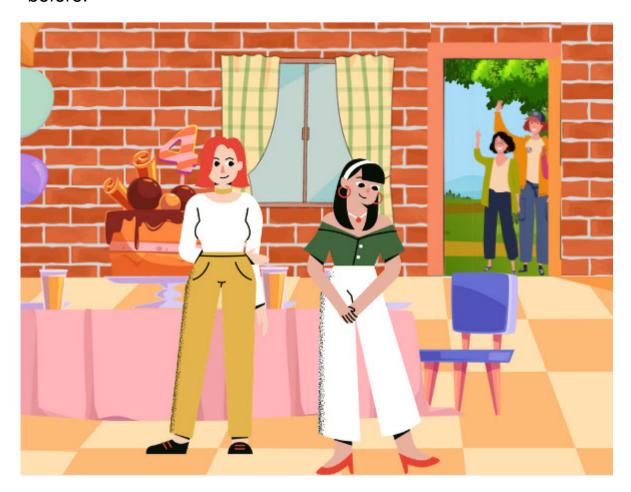
Past Perfect Tense

What Is the Past Perfect Tense?

The **past perfect tense** is an English verb tense used for a completed activity in the past. It emphasizes that an action was completed **before** another action took place. For example:

Diane had baked a cake before her friends arrived.
Hint: Most sentences featuring the past perfect tense include the word "before."



Some more examples:

- They had painted the fence before I had a chance to speak to them.
- She asked if I had seen her dog.

Exe	cise 1: Write the form of the verb in b	old type, past perfect tense.
1.	Keven	the alarm clock before he fell asleep .
	(wind)	
2.	The gardener	both lawns yesterday before he
	fell ill. (mow)	
3.	The tiger	at the daring hunter before he could
	shout out.	
4.	Mrs. White	a silk dress in the sale, before Jim
	called (buy)	
5.	Both of the detectives had been	to secrecy.
	(swear)	
6.	Christopher	to say his prayers. (kneel)
7.	The woodman rested when he had _	all the
	wood. (saw)	
8.	The tiger	_ at the daring hunter. (spring)
Exe	rcise 2	

Complete the table below.

Present tense	Past tense	Participle
Buy	bought	bought
Kneel	knell	
	mowed	
swear	swore	
Spring		sprung
wind	wound	