

The Past Perfect (Pluperfect) Tense

The Past Perfect Tense is a compound tense that communicates an action or actions that had been done. This means that there are two verbs that are needed in communication. In English, we use of “Had” as the first verb. The equivalent of “Had” in Spanish is the verb “Haber” in the Imperfect Past Tense.

Haber

1. había = I had	4. habíamos = we had = we (feminine) had
2. habías = you had	5. habíais = You (plu. Spain) had = You (plu. fem. Spain) had
3. había = he had she had You (formal) had (it) had	6. habían = they had = they (feminine) had = you (plural) had

The second verb is a past participle. Some examples of this would be: I had studied, you had learned, he had eaten, she had worked, we had danced, they had looked for.

Past Participles:

We can form the Past Participles in Spanish by following a certain pattern. There are 3 types of verbs in Spanish, “AR, ER, and IR” verbs.

We will start with the pattern for the AR Verbs. We can take any AR verb and cross off the AR and put in its place “**ado**”.

Examples:

Pagar = pagado llegar = llegado viajar = viajado hablar = hablado

The pattern for ER and IR Verbs has their own certain pattern. We can take any ER and IR verb and cross off the ER and put in its place “**ido**”

Examples:

Comer = comido comprender = comprendido vivir = vivido subir = subido

*There is a rule that goes with the ER and IR verbs only. Any time that an ER and IR verb would have 2 vowels in a row, we must put an accent mark on the “i”.

Examples: leer = leído traer = traído caer = caído oír = oído

** There are 11 verbs that are irregular and must be memorized until you gain experience with the language and know what sounds good or not!

Abrir (to open) = abierto Romper (to break, tear) = roto

Cubrir (to cover) = cubierto Ver (to see) = visto

Descubrir (to discover) = descubierto Volver (to return) = vuelto

Escribir (to write) = escrito decir (to say, tell) = dicho

Morir (to die) = muerto hacer (to do, make) = hecho

Poner (puesto) = puesto

Act. 1: Write the correct Past Participle for the following Verbs!

1 jugar (ue)	16 decir
2 aprender	17 enseñar
3 asistir	18 comer
4 buscar	19 descubrir
5 beber	20 hacer
6 poner	21 prometer
7 caer	22 recibir
8 escribir	23 ver
9 cantar	24 abrir
10 traer	25 vender
11 estudiar	26 volver
12 correr	27 leer
13 sufrir	28 contestar
14 preparar	29 morir
15 tomar	30 esperar

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Act. 2: Write the correct conjugation of the Past Perfect Tense. You will need two words in your answer!

1 yo jugar (ue)	16 yo decir
2 tú aprender	17 tú enseñar
3 él asistir	18 (it) comer
4 nosotros buscar	19 tú y yo descubrir
5 ellos beber	20 Juan y Beto hacer
6 yo poner	21 yo prometer
7 tú caer	22 tú recibir
8 ella escribir	23 Marta ver
9 nosotras cantar	24 nosotros abrir
10 ellas traer	25 Perla y Abril vender
11 yo estudiar	26 yo volver
12 tú correr	27 tú leer
13 Usted sufrir	28 Elias contestar
14 Susana y yo preparar	29 nosotras morir
15 Ustedes tomar	30 ellos esperar