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Joining Before And After Answer Key

Model Sentences

Practice Pairs

1. Maria **had finished** her homework before she went outside.
2. The plane **had taken off** before we arrived at the airport.
3. He **had locked** the door before he left the house.

Mini-Story

4. She **had practiced** piano for two hours before her recital began.
5. The sun **had risen** before we left the campsite.
6. He **had never tried** sushi before he visited Japan.

Creative Challenge

(Answers will vary. Examples below are acceptable models.)

- I **had finished** my chores before I played video games.
- We **had packed** our bags before the taxi arrived.
- She **had studied** all night before she took the exam.

Teacher Notes/Guide

- **Focus:** This worksheet highlights how the past perfect tense clarifies the **order of two past events**.
- **Common Error:** Students often put both actions in simple past. Remind them that the *earlier* action must use **had + past participle**, while the *later* action stays in simple past.
- **Teaching Tip:** Encourage use of time connectors (*before, after, by the time, already*) to strengthen clarity.
- **Extension Idea:** Students can role-play "time detectives," explaining what *had happened* before a main event in a story, making grammar feel narrative-driven.