

Join The Pasts Answer Key

Model Sentences

Story Connections

1. I realized I **had forgotten** my homework after the teacher collected it.
2. She **had packed** her suitcase before the taxi arrived.
3. They **had sold** their house before we visited the neighborhood.
4. The movie **had ended** before we got to the theater.
5. He **had studied** for hours before the exam began.

Creative Challenge

6. I **had lost** my keys, but later I found them in my bag.
7. She **had never tried** sushi before she ate it in Japan.
8. We **had practiced** the song before we performed it at the concert.
9. He **had read** the book before he watched the movie.
10. They **had finished** building the house before the family moved in.

Teacher Notes/Guide

- **Focus:** This activity reinforces sequencing by combining two events into one sentence.
- **Common Error:** Students often put *both verbs* in past perfect. Remind them: the *earlier event* takes past perfect, and the *later event* stays in simple past.
- **Tip:** Encourage the use of connecting words (*before, after, by the time, when*) to make sentences smoother.
- **Extension Idea:** Provide students with a short list of personal events (e.g., "finished breakfast" + "went to school") and have them write about their own day using past perfect.