

## V-Past Perfect

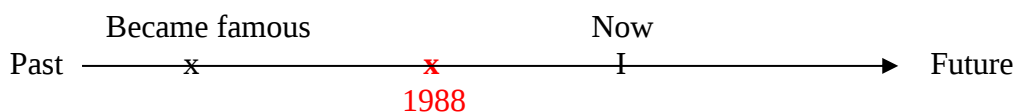
I. The form of the past perfect  
[ Had + PP ]

## II. The use of the Past Perfect:

- 1- We use the past perfect to show that something happened before a specific time in the past.

**e.g.** - By 1988, Oprah Winfrey had become famous.

- It was 1985. she had already been in a Hollywood film.



- 2- The past perfect is used to show a relationship with another past event. We use the past perfect with the earlier event whereas the past simple for the later event.

e.g. In 1990, Oprah **invited** Matt on the show.

He **had been** an author for two years.

This means (he was an author before 1990.)

e.g. By the time Jill **got** home, 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' **has finished**.

**Be careful!** In sentences with When, notice the difference in meaning between the past simple and the past perfect.

**e.g.** When the show ended, she left. (First the show ended then she left)

When the show ended, she had left. (First she left . Then the show ended)

- 3- Words such as: already, yet, ever and never are often used with the past perfect to emphasise the event which happened first.

e.g. I saw **an elephant** last night. **I had never seen** it before.

Jason had already seen it.

- 4- We often use the past perfect with 'by' to mention a certain point in time in the past to say that something was completed before that point.

e.g. By 1966, Oprah had decided on a career.