Past Perfect

(deutsch: Plusquamperfekt oder Vorvergangenheit)

Das **Past Perfect** drückt grundsätzlich Vorzeitigkeit gegenüber einem Zeitpunkt in der Vergangenheit aus. (Du willst also ausdrücken, dass etwas noch "vergangener" war als das gerade beschriebene Ereignis der Vergangenheit.)

When he **came** home, he **noticed** that someone <u>had been</u> in his room. His school books <u>had been put</u> from the floor onto the desk. He **concluded** that his mum <u>had cleaned</u> the floor of his room.

He **worked** hard to earn some money, because he <u>had spent</u> all his money on a new bike.

When he looked out of the window, he saw that it had snowed during night. But he couldn't shovel the snow away, because he had not bought a shovel yet.

Mit Hilfe von "after" oder "just" in Verbindung mit dem Past Perfect kann man zwei Ereignisse in die richtige zeitliche Reihenfolge bringen:

After he had driven too fast, the police gave him a speeding ticket.

Kevin had just finished his homework when his friend came to play football with him.

First Kevin finished his homework.

<u>Then</u> his friend came to play football with him.

Vorzeitigkeit ohne Past Perfect:

In manchen Fällen braucht man die Vorzeitigkeit nicht eigens durch das past perfect ausdrücken, wenn diese Vorzeitigkeit bereits durch Konjunktionen wie **afte**r, **before** und **as soon as** im Kontext klar ist.

<u>Before</u> Mum went to work, she <u>left</u> a message for us on the kitchen table. , she <u>had left</u> a message for us on the kitchen table.

After the candle went out, the room was dark.

After the candle had gone out,

My friends **left** <u>before</u> I got to the party. My friends **had left** before...

The bank robbers **left** <u>before</u> the police arrived. The bank robbers **had left** before.....

As soon as I **finished** lunch, I hurried to my football practice. As soon as I **had finished** lunch, I hurried ...

Dies ist jedoch nicht immer möglich, wie dieses Beispiel (mit **before**) zeigt: **Before** the police <u>could catch</u> the bank robber, he <u>had already escaped</u> through the window. [Durch die Hinzufügung von "already" ist das Past Perfect nötig.] **Mein Rat**: Am besten verwendest du das **Past Perfect** in allen Zweifelsfällen; denn das ist nie falsch.