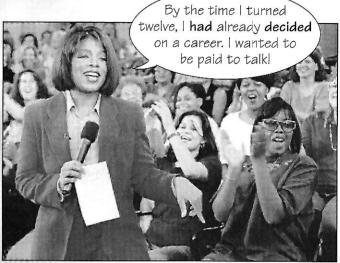


# **Past Perfect**



Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey with her TV audience.

#### CHECK POINT

Check the event that happened first.

- ☐ Oprah turned twelve.
- ☐ Oprah decided on a career.

#### CHART CHECK 1

Circle T (True) or F (False).

T F The past perfect uses had for all subjects.

STATEMENTS				
<b>S</b> UBJECT	HAD (NOT)	PAST PARTICIPLE		
I/He/She/We/You*/They	1.14.1	decided	by then.	
It	had (not)	been	easy.	

<sup>\*</sup>You is both singular and plural.

### **CHART CHECK 2**

Check the correct answer.

In past perfect questions, where does *had* go?

- ☐ before the subject
- after the subject

	YES/	NO QUESTIONS	
HAD SUBJECT PAST PARTICIPE		PAST PARTICIPLE	
Had	she	decided	by then?
пач	it	been	easy?

SHORT ANSWERS					
Aff	IRMA	TIVE		NEG	ATIVE
Voc	she	had.	No	she	hadn't.
Yes,	it	IIdQI.	No,	it	naun t.

WH- QUESTIONS					
WH- WORD	HAD	SUBJECT	PAST PARTICIPLE	Control of the Contro	
M/by	had	she	decided	to be a talk-show host?	
Why	had it	been	easy?		

#### EXPRESS GHEGK

Complete this conversation with the verb arrive.

**A:** Had she \_\_\_\_\_\_ by 9:00?

**B:** No, she \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Grammar Explanations**

#### Examples

- 1. Use the **past perfect** to show that something happened before a specific time in the past.
  - became Now
    famous
    Past ──X Future
- By 1988 Oprah Winfrey had become famous.
- It was 1985. She **had** already **been** in a Hollywood film.
- **2.** The **past perfect** always shows a <u>relationship</u> with another past event.

Use the <u>past perfect for the earlier event</u>. Use the simple past tense for the later event.

- ▶ **BE CAREFUL!** In these sentences with **when**, notice the <u>difference in meaning</u> between the simple past tense and the past perfect.
- In 1990 Oprah *invited* Matt on the show. He **had been** an author for two years. (He was an author before 1990.)
- By the time Jill **got** home, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" **had finished**.
- 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.** Already, yet, ever, and never are often used with the past perfect to emphasize the event which occurred first.
- I saw *The Color Purple* last night. I **had never seen** it before.
- Jason had already seen it.
- 4. When the time relationship between two past events is clear, you can use the simple past tense for both events. The meaning is usually clear when you use after, before, or as soon as to connect the events.
- After Oprah had appeared in The Color Purple, she got a part in another movie.

OR

- After Oprah appeared in The Color Purple, she got a part in another movie.
- We often use the past perfect with by (a certain time).
- By 1966 Oprah had decided on a career.



1954

1957

1971

**TRUE OR FALSE** • Read each numbered sentence. Write T (True) or F (False) for the statement that follows.

When I got home, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" started.
 F First the Oprah show started. Then I got home.

 When I got home, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" had started.
 First the Oprah show started. Then I got home.

 Oprah's guest had lost 100 pounds when she interviewed him.
 The guest lost the weight before the interview.

 By the end of the show, I had fallen asleep.
 I fell asleep after the show.

 When I went to bed, I had turned off the radio.
 I turned off the radio after I went to bed.

6. By midnight, I had finished the magazine article.

I finished the article before midnight.

1973

COMPLETE • Look at some important events in Oprah Winfrey's career. Then complete the sentences below. Use the past perfect with already or not yet.

Show are first speech of first radio job nosted talk show as in her first major movie of the own studio the past perfect with already or not yet.

Was born gave first radio job nosted talk show as in her first major movie own studio the puilt her own starred in the puilt her own starred in the past perfect was in her first major own show. The own starred in the past perfect with already or not yet.

1985

1986

1988

1998

1983

 1. By 1958 Oprah
 had already given
 her first speech.

 2. By 1971 she
 her first TV job.

 3. By 1972 she
 her first radio job.

 4. By 1972 she
 in a major movie.

 5. By 1985 she
 her own TV show.

 6. By 1986 she
 in a major movie.

 7. By 1987 she
 her own studio.

**8.** By 2000 she \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the film *Beloved*.



ASK & ANSWER • Look at this typical daily schedule for a TV talk-show host. Complete the questions about his schedule. Use the past perfect and give short answers.

1. It was 7:45. The host was on schedule.

3. At 10:55 he was having coffee.

7:00	A.M. Arrive at studio
8:00	Review day's schedule
11:00	
2:00 i	P.M. Hair and makeup
2:30	Meet the day's guests
3:00	Tape the show
4:30	Work out with trainer

A: _	Had he arrived	at the studio yet?	<b>B</b> :	Yes, he had.
<b>2.</b> At 7:3	30 the host was at his desk.			
A:		the day's schedule vet?	B:	

	A:	the schedule by that time?	<b>B</b> : _	
4.	It was 2:00. He was on his way to	makeup.		

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A:	the day's guests by then?	B:

	A:	the show yet?	В:	
5.	At 4:00 he had a late lunch.			

6.	He went to bed at 10:30.		
	A:	with his trainer that day?	B:

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**EDIT** • Read this student's report. There are six mistakes in the use of the past perfect. Find and correct them. The first mistake is already corrected.

Oprah Winfrey is an amazing person! By the time she was twelve, she has already decided on a career. Not long afterward, she got her first radio job. Although she hadn't have any experience, she became a news reporter. When she got her own (TV talk show, she has already acted in a major Hollywood movie. By the late 1980s "Oprah Winfrey" had became a household word. Then in 1994 she decided to improve the quality of talk-show themes. She also made a personal change. She had always had a weight problem, but in 1995 TV viewers saw a new Winfrey. She had losed almost ninety pounds as a result of dieting and working out. She had also compete in a marathon. She has really been an inspiration to many people.