

▣ SKYLINE PAST PERFECT ▣

Earlier Past Event Control System

▣ QUICK PAST PERFECT OVERVIEW ▣

EARLIER EVENT The aircraft had departed.	LATER EVENT We arrived at the airport.
PAST PERFECT Captain Mia had finished the lesson.	PAST SIMPLE The meeting started at 6 PM.

▣ PAST PERFECT = EARLIER PAST EVENT ▣

Formula:

Subject + had + past participle

Examples:

- The aircraft had departed before we arrived.
- The passengers had boarded before takeoff.
- Captain Mia had finished the lesson before lunch.

✓Earlier event in the past.

▣ PAST SIMPLE = LATER PAST EVENT ▣

Formula:

Subject + past verb

Examples:

- We arrived at the airport.

- The meeting started at 6 PM.
- The storm began after takeoff.

✓ Later past event.

□ SIGNAL WORDS

- before
- after
- already
- when
- by the time

Examples:

- The flight had already left when we arrived.
- By the time I called, Victor had finished the lesson.

□ NEGATIVE & QUESTIONS

Negative:

Subject + had not + past participle

Question:

Had + subject + past participle?

Examples:

- The passengers had not boarded before takeoff.
- Had the aircraft departed before you arrived?

□ CABIN EXCHANGE

Mia:

Why were you late for the flight?

Victor:

Because the aircraft had already departed when I reached the gate.

Rico:

Yo captain, that runway already ghosted before you touched the terminal.

□ QUICK MEMORY SYSTEM □

Past Perfect = Earlier Event

Past Simple = Later Event