8 Past perfect simple e continuous (Unità 24–25)

Il past perfect si forma con had + participio passato.
At nine o'clock I'd finished my homework but Maria hadn't started hers.

Had all the food been eaten when you got there?

Il past perfect si usa per un evento che è accaduto prima di un altro o che è accaduto prima di un tempo specifico del passato (Tony had left when we arrived).

Il past perfect continuous si forma con had been + -ing.  
I'd been working all day, so I was tired.

I saw Anna carrying lots of bags yesterday. ~ Had she been shopping?

Si usa la forma progressiva del past perfect per indicare che l'attività era in corso oppure è stata ripetuta in un periodo di tempo (We'd been waiting for about forty minutes when he finally arrived).

1 Cerchia l’azione che è avvenuta per prima.

0 a We’d had lunch when Katie arrived.
   b We had lunch when Katie arrived.

1 a The robbers ran away when the police arrived.
   b The robbers had run away when the police arrived.

2 a When I arrived, they started the meeting.
   b When I arrived, they'd started the meeting.

3 a Charlie left when we got to the party.
   b Charlie had left when we got to the party.

2 Leggi l’elenco delle cose che Toby deve fare per organizzare la sua festa. Usa il past perfect per ciò che ha fatto √ e non ha fatto × prima dell’inizio della festa.

Party — things to do
0 Buy the drinks √
   1 Prepare the food √
   2 Tell the neighbours ×

When the party started …
0 … he’d bought the drinks.

1 … we’d put out the food.
2 … they’d started inviting people.
3 … Charlie had called the DJ.
4 … the music had been set.
5 … the neighbours had been invited.

3 Completa i dialoghi con il past perfect o il past simple dei verbi dei riquadri.

eat already/eat

0 A Why didn't you have lunch with us today?
   B Because I’d already eaten. I ate with Guido.

already/arrange go

1 A You didn’t come out with us last night. Why not?
   B Sorry, but I’d like to go out with William.

   We went out for a pizza.

arrive already/leave

2 A Did you see Emily at the party?
   B No, I’d already gone. She left quite late.

4 Riferisci i titoli di giornale usando il past perfect continuous.

0 Brad and Victoria lived apart for three years before they divorced
Brad and Victoria had been living apart for three years before they divorced.

1 Marathon winner started running a week ago
Amazing! The marathon winner had been running for only a week.

2 COUPLE MARRY AFTER DATING FOR 50 YEARS
Apparantly, that couple had been dating for 50 years.

3 Cup final referee drank alcohol before game
The referee of the cup final had drunk alcohol before the game.

4 Double agent worked for Russia for ten years
Apparantly, that spy had worked for Russia for ten years.