Past perfect

**Lecture 18**

**Past perfect :**

It is formed with had ( not )+ past participle . It is used in English to talk about an action in the past that happened before another action in the past .

Past perfect tense. It is used to express an action which has occurred in past(usually, a long time ago) and action which has occurred in past before another action in past. For example, I had lived in America. ( The sense of time in this sentence refers to a completed action in past and especially a long time ago).

Examples :

* I **had** never **seen** such a beautiful beach before I went to Kauai.
* I did not have any money because I **had lost** my wallet.
* Tony knew Istanbul so well because he **had visited** the city several times.
* **Had** Susan ever **studied** Thai before she moved to Thailand?
* She only understood the movie because she **had read** the book.
* Kristine **had** never **been** to an opera before last night.
* We were not able to get a hotel room because we **had not booked** in advance.
* A: **Had** you ever **visited** the U.S. before your trip in 2006?
B: Yes, I **had been** to the U.S. once before.