

# Past Perfect

## Conjugation

The Persian past perfect is made up of two parts:

1. past participle of the verb
2. corresponding past simple tense form of the verb "to be"

Here is an example for the verb "to read":

Verb Infinitive: خواندن      Past Stem: خواند

[I] had read	خوانده بودم
[you] had read	خوانده بودی
[he/she/it] had read	خوانده بود
[we] had read	خوانده بودیم
[you (pl.)] had read	خوانده بودید
[they] had read	خوانده بودند

## Usage

Persian past perfect is almost exactly like English past perfect.

They had searched everywhere well.	همه جا را خوب گشته بودند.
The enemy had blocked all the roads.	دشمن همه ی جاده ها را بسته بود.
I had never seen his/her mother till that day.	تا آن روز هیچ وقت مادرش را ندیده بودم.
Twenty years had passed but Tehran had almost not changed at all.	بیست سال گذشته بود اما تهران تقریباً هیچ فرقی نکرده بود.