



SPANISH TABLE

Past perfect tense



Common expressions used with the past perfect			
Time expression	Use	Example	Translation
ya already	To describe an event that happened before another. To express completeness of an event.	<i>Ya había escuchado historias sobre este lugar.</i>	I had already heard stories about this place.
todavía no / aún no not yet	They are commonly used in the negative when an event didn't happen prior to another event in the past.	<i>¡La medianoche y todavía no habían empacado!</i>	Midnight and they had not packed yet!
nunca never	To talk about the first time something is done.	<i>Nunca había visitado esta parte de la ciudad.</i>	I had never visited this part of the city before.
(poco) antes de + noun before	To describe an event or circumstance that marks the end or the completion of the activity in the past perfect.	<i>Antes del embarazo había conseguido un ascenso.</i>	Before her pregnancy, she had been promoted.
previamente / anteriormente previously, before	This adverb emphasizes the fact that these activities had occurred in advance.	<i>Previamente, habían acordado encontrarse en el café.</i>	They had previously agreed to meet at the café.

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