

Changing a sentence into the passive when the active verb is in the past perfect tense

The past perfect tense form is made by putting had before the past participle form of the verb. Study the following sentences.

She had finished the job.

They had received the parcel.

Both sentences given above are in the active voice. When we change them into the passive, the object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb. The verb also undergoes changes. The past perfect tense in the passive voice is made by putting had been before the past participle form of the verb.

Active form: had + past participle form of the verb

Passive form: had been + past participle form of the verb

The job had been finished by her. (Passive)

The parcel had been received by them. (Passive)

Exercise

1. They had finished the job by Monday.
2. I had learnt an important lesson.
3. Amar had made a big mistake.
4. Pooja had won a big prize.
5. They had informed him.
6. The teacher had punished the boy.
7. The master had spanked the poor boy.

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Answers

1. The job had been finished (by them) by Monday.
2. An important lesson had been learnt by me.
3. A big mistake had been made by Amar.
4. A big prize had been won by Pooja.
5. He had been informed by them.
6. The boy had been punished by the teacher.
7. The poor boy had been spanked by the master.