



*A day in John's  
life*

*An easy way to  
understand  
the past perfect*





Before John had a shower,

he had woken up.



Before John **had** breakfast ,

he **had had** a shower.





Before John brushed his teeth,

he had had breakfast.



Before John got dressed,

he had brushed his teeth.





Before John left home,

he had got dressed.



Before John **drove** to work,

he **had left** home.





Before John started work,  
he had driven to work.





Before John had lunch,

he had started work.



Before John finished work,

he had had lunch.





Before John had a cup of coffee,

he had finished work.



Before John **went** to a gym,  
 he **had had** a cup of coffee.





Before John read a magazine,  
he had gone to the gym.



Before John **took** a dog for a walk

he **had read** a magazine.





Before John **phoned** his mother,

he **had taken** a dog for a walk.



Before John **had** a bath,

he **had phoned** his mother.





Before John watched TV,

he had had a bath.



Before John went to bed,  
he had watched TV.





## Exercises

**1. Make sentences about John as in the example:**

A: John brushed his teeth.

B: But before that he had had breakfast.

**2. Make questions about John as in the example:**

A: What had John done before he finished work?

B: He had had lunch.

# Mary's holiday



**Now write a few sentences  
about Mary's holiday  
using the past perfect**



