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A 10-09 Listen. Read the pronunciation note.

Auxiliary *had* and stress in past perfect

The auxiliary verb *had* is usually contracted after pronouns and nouns ending in a vowel:

We'd been sitting outside when it started to rain.

After nouns, *had* is often reduced to /əd/:

Matt had finished college before he went to work.

We stress the past participle and present participle. In negatives, *hadn't* is also stressed.

They hadn't moved until the baby was born.



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B 10-10 Listen. Notice how *had* is pronounced. Then listen and repeat.

1. What had he done before he fled the house?
2. When the doctors saw her, they discovered that she'd had a stroke.
3. Christine had been keeping a journal of her struggle to regain her memory.



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C ▶10-11 Listen and complete the sentences. Add a dot over the stressed verbs. If *had* is reduced to /əd/, cross out the *h* and link (‿) the preceding word with *a* in *had*.

1. When the storm _____, the cleanup crews came in.
2. Before her traumatic accident, she _____ a world-class dancer.
3. My friend _____ the book even though she _____.



Ask your students to make sentences using the phrases. Check their pronunciation and give feedback.

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Use past perfect to make new sentences.



Pay attention to the auxiliary **had and stress**