

## A/V-았/었었어요 (Past Perfect Tense)

### Class Objective:

I'll be able to express a statement that I'm not exactly sure of. I'm guessing that's the case.

#### Introduction:

This grammar ending used to express something that happened in the past once, or for only a certain period of time in the past, and does not continue to the present time.

The past progressive tense corresponds to the English meaning of “was + ing verb”, while the past perfect tense in English refers to “did/had + verb”.

You can use it to express events that happened in the past and its consequences no longer apply to the present.

It is expressed by adding the marker “-었-”, after the past-tense marker “-았/었-”, creating the form -았/었었어요.

### Concept A: Past Particle (았/었)

This particle is being used as the verb of a statement to show that the statement happened in the past. We have to add polite form particle (어요/아요) or honour form particle (습니다) (If you want to make a formal sentence).

Past form doesn't only show something that happened in the past, but also shows whether something has done or not.

#### Example:

- 보다 = see
- 봐요 = see (present form)
- 봤어요 = saw (polite form)
- 봤습니다 = saw (honour form)

- 가다 = go
- 가요 = go (present form)
- 갔어요 = went (polite form)
- 갔습니다 = went (honour form)

밥을 먹었어요 = I've eaten

미국에 갔어요 = I went to America

집에 왔어요 = I arrived at home (I'm still in the house)

### Concept B: Past Perfect particle (었었어요).

This particle is used to show that the past is irrelevant for the present anymore and to show that the past is really over or really has done.

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