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# Class Objective

I will be able to learn
Plusquamperfekt  in German.

# Concept A : Understanding Plusquamperfekt or The past perfect

The past perfect or *Plusquamperfekt* expresses actions that took place before a certain point in the past. It is constructed just like the present perfect tense except that the auxiliary "haben" or "sein" is in its simple past form i.e. "hatte" or "war."

Zum Beispiel :

Sie **hatte** gut **gespielt**, bis sie verletzt wurde.

She had played well until she was injured.

# Concept A : Understanding Plusquamperfekt or The past perfect

**Formation of sentences:**

You form active sentences by using the simple past verb form of the auxiliary ‘sein’ (to be) or ‘haben’ (to have) and the past participle of the main verb.

Zum Beispiel :

Ich hatte Hindi schon als Kind gesprochen, aber jetzt wollte ich Deutsch lernen.

# Concept A : Understanding Plusquamperfekt or The past perfect

I had already spoken Chinese as a child, but now I wanted to learn German.

**Haben - Auxiliary verb - Past simple - hatten**

**Sprechen - Main verb  - Past participle - gesprochen**

# Concept B : Usage, Conjugation and Past Participle

**Usage :**

We use the German past perfect tense to describe:

- an action before a certain point in the past

Example :

Er hatte bis 20 Uhr gearbeitet. Dann traf er sich mit seinen Freunden.

He had worked till 8 p.m. Then he met up with his friends.