



# Paco has decided to visit Sierra Leone and Kenya: Paco had never thought of his heritage before



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# Past Perfect: Form

**PAST OF "TO HAVE" ("had")**

**+**

**PAST PARTICIPLE**

**- regular verbs: -ed**

**- irregular verbs: 3rd column**

| <b>Affirmative</b>                 | <b>Negative</b>                               | <b>Interrogative</b>             |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Paco had left everything in order. | He had not (hadn't) left everything in order. | Had he left everything in order? |
| Paco had asked her to come.        | Paco had not (hadn't) asked her to come.      | Had Paco asked her to come?      |

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# Past Perfect: Use

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| <p><b>Past Perfect</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed action before something in the past:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Another action in the Past Simple.</li><li>– A complement of time indicating the past.</li></ul></li></ul> | <p>Paco had already seen Blood Diamonds before he left for England.</p> <p>Sonia had given Paco a book of short stories before he flew to England.</p> <p>By the time he went to bed, he had listened to that song three times.</p> <p>By 2006, Andrés had already broken Paco's tennis racket.</p> |
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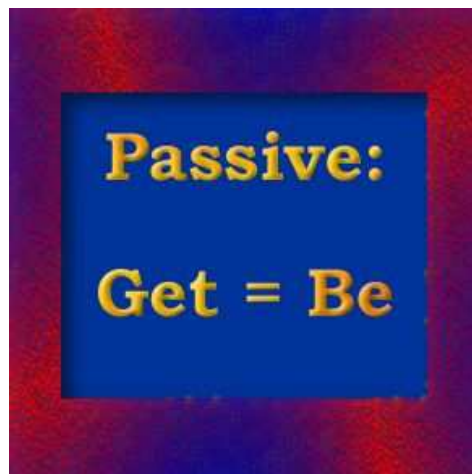
# The Passive Voice: Form and uses

## To be + Past Participle

A newspaper was left on the bedside table.

It is said children begin to work at an early age.

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### Main uses:

- The receiver of the action is more important than the doer or performer

Paco was not given a convincing explanation at the diamond mine (by the soldier).

- The doer or performer of the action is unknown or unimportant.

Paco has never been told the truth.

- The doer or performer of an action is too obvious to be worth mentioning.

Nelson Mandela was given the Nobel Peace Prize in

1993.

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# The Passive Voice: Other uses

- To conceal the performer of an action or the identity of a person responsible for a mistake.

Andrés's tennis racket has been broken.

- To emphasize the doer or performer of an action.

In 1993, the Nobel Peace Prize was given to Nelson Mandela, who had fought to achieve multi-racial democracy in South Africa.

## Passive sense:

1. **To have something done**

Paco's parents had their house painted.

2. **Need + gerund**

Paco's parents' house needs painting.

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# Vowel sounds: /a:/

## /a:/

### Common spellings

|                                | /a:/  | examples                   | notes                   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>More frequent spellings</b> | <b>ar</b>                                     | car, card, far, large, arm |                         |
|                                | <b>ask</b>                                    | ask, mask, task            |                         |
|                                | <b>ast</b>                                    | fast, last, past           |                         |
|                                | <b>ass</b>                                    | class, glass, pass         |                         |
|                                | <b>ance</b>                                   | chance, dance, trance      |                         |
|                                | <b>ant</b>                                    | grant, plant, can't        |                         |
| <b>Less frequent spellings</b> | <b>alf</b>                                    | half, calf,                | The l is not pronounced |
|                                | <b>al</b>                                     | calm, palm                 |                         |
|                                | <b>au</b>                                     | aunt, laugh                |                         |
| <b>Others</b>                  | This sound does not normally occur before /ŋ/ |                            |                         |

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