

Le plus-que-parfait



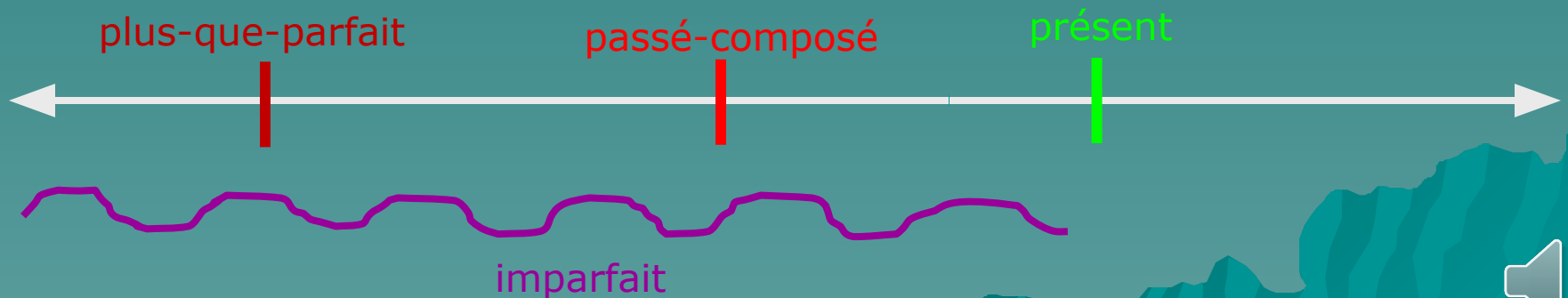
The plus-que-parfait is very similar to passé-composé. Like the PC,

- ◆ It is a **PAST** tense
- ◆ It is a **COMPOUND** tense



When do I use the plus-que-parfait?

The plus-que-parfait is used to talk about an action which took place **PRIOR** to **ANOTHER** past action



The plus-que-parfait...

- ◆ is the equivalent of THE PAST PERFECT

On **avait joué** au foot = We **had played** soccer

- ◆ and looks like the PAST PERFECT!

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We **had played** soccer



Like the passé composé, the
plus-que-parfait has
2 PARTS

HELPING VERB + **MAIN VERB**



So what's the difference?

- ◆ The only difference in conjugating the 2 tenses is the form of the AUXILIARY
- ◆ In Plus-que-parfait, the auxiliary is in the IMPARFAIT (and NOT the present tense)
- ◆ Let's compare the 2 tenses:

j'	ai	joué	j'	avais	joué
tu	as	joué	tu	avais	joué
il/elle/on	a	joué	il/elle/on	avait	joué
nous	avons	joué	nous	avions	joué
vous	avez	joué	vous	aviez	joué
ils/elles	ont	joué	ils/elles	avaient	joué



What about the Main Verb?

- ◆ Just like in the *passé composé*, it's in the **past-participle form** or *participe passé*
- ◆ The **same *passé composé* rules apply to plus-que-parfait:**
- ◆ Use the "être" auxiliary with verbs of motion (Dr. & Mrs. Vandertramp verbs!) AND pronominal verbs
- ◆ When using "être", make the past participle agree with the subject
- ◆ Use the "avoir" helping verb with any other verbs



Here are some examples of when you would need to use the Plus-que-parfait:

Mardi, j'ai fini les devoirs que je n'avais pas pu faire lundi.

Mes copains m'ont dit que le prof avait annulé le cours.

J'ai entendu dire que Mathieu s'était fiancé avec Zoé.

Tu savais que j'étais allé en France le semestre dernier?



So remember!

- ◆ If you want to talk about something that happened PRIOR to another past action,
USE THE PLUS-QUE-PARFAIT!
 - ◆ To conjugate a verb in the PLUS-QUE-PARFAIT, use **AVOIR** or **ETRE** in the **IMPARFAIT** + the past participle of the verb

Practice →

À toi!

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