

Michael Jackson



Past Perfect



1982

2009

*Michael Jackson had
released Thriller before he
died in 2009*

Michael Jackson *had released* Thriller
before he *died* in 2009

Discuss the questions with a partner:



- 1 .Are we talking about the past? YES
- 2 .How many actions are there in the past? TWO
- 3 .Did both actions happen at the same time? NO
- 4 .So did one action happen before the other? YES
- 5 .Which action happened first?

Michael Jackson *released*
Thriller

Michael Jackson *had released* Thriller
before he *died* in 2009

had released



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Form: Had + past participle

