
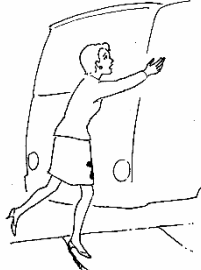



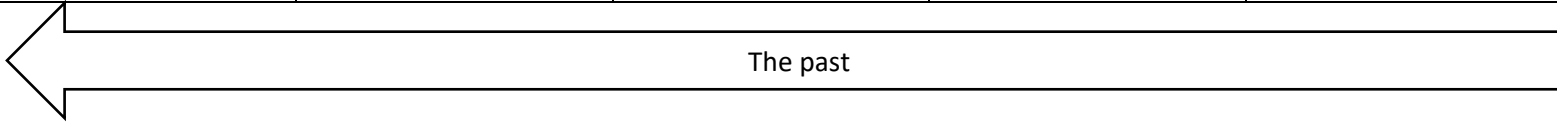


Understanding the Past Perfect Simple

Julie had a difficult commute to work today. Look at the problems she encountered.

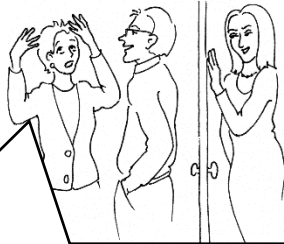
1

					NOW
A taxi splashed Julie at 8:05 a.m.	Julie missed her bus at 8:10 a.m.	Julie tripped on a crack in the sidewalk at 8:15 a.m.	Julie broke a heel at 8:30 a.m.	Julie arrived at work At 9:10 a.m.	Today at 4 p.m.



Look at what Julie told her colleague.

2



By the time I arrived at work, a taxi **had splashed** me, I **had missed** my bus, I **had tripped** on a crack, and I **had broken** the heel off of my shoe.

3

When to use the Past Perfect Simple

When we talk about a past event that happened before another past event, we use the Past Perfect Simple. Use the Past Perfect Simple when you name a later event before an earlier event.

Key phrases: *by the time Julie arrived at work, by the end of the day, by the end of last week, etc.*

Compare:

I broke a heel and a taxi splashed me. Then, I arrived at work.

*By the time I arrived at work, I had **broken** a heel and a taxi had **splashed** me.*

Structure:

Subject + *had* + **Past Participle**

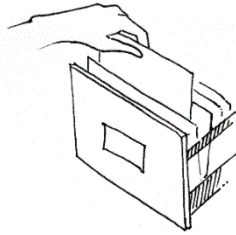
Photocopiable for classroom use
Practice the Past Perfect Simple

Look at what Julie's colleague told Julie.

By the time you arrived at work, we **had finished** our meeting.



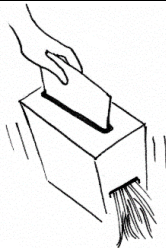
What else did Julie's colleague say? Fill the blanks with *had* + past participle for each picture below. Use the vocabulary in the verb box provided.



By the time you arrived,
Sarah _____ the documents,



and Andrea _____ a price.



By the time you arrived,
Carol _____ the documents,



and John _____ with Mary.



By the time you arrived,
Peter _____ the recycling,



and Paul _____ the numbers.

