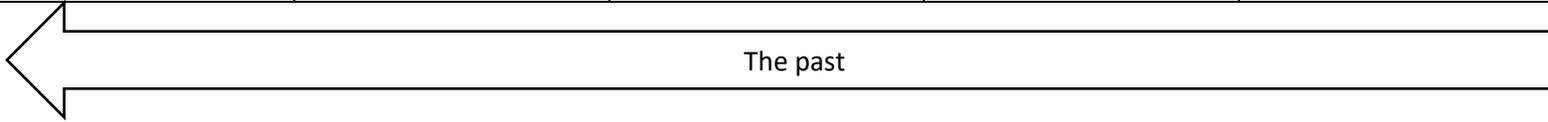


## Understanding the Past Perfect Simple

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

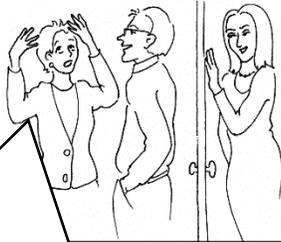
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					<b>NOW</b>
A taxi splashed Julie at 8:05 a.m.	Julie missed her bus at 8:10 a.m.	Julie tripped on a crack in the sidewalk at 8:15 a.m.	Julie broke a heel at 8:30 a.m.	Julie arrived at work At 9:10 a.m.	Today at 4 p.m.



Look at what Julie told her colleague.

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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.

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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:

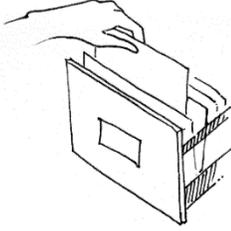
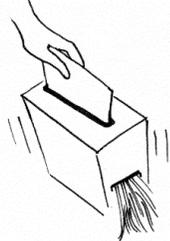
Subject + *had* + **Past Participle**

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**Practice the Past Perfect Simple**

Look at what Julie's colleague told Julie.



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.

 <p>By the time you arrived, Sarah _____ the documents,</p>	 <p>and Andrea _____ a price.</p>
 <p>By the time you arrived, Carol _____ the documents,</p>	 <p>and John _____ with Mary.</p>
 <p>By the time you arrived, Peter _____ the recycling,</p>	 <p>and Paul _____ the numbers.</p>

