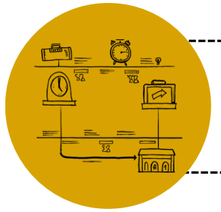
Past PERFECT

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Earlier past

When *I arrived*, she **had** already **left**.
He said they **hadn't been** to Asia before.
Had they **met** before *yesterday's party*?

Use with *past simple* or another *past reference*



Duration up to a point in the past

She *said* she **had been** ill since last weekend.
We **hadn't seen** each other since *we graduated*.

Use with 'since', 'by then', or 'for'



Regrets and wishes

I *wish* I **had told** her the truth.
If only we **hadn't left** the house that night.

Use with 'wish' or 'if only'