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# Past Perfect

is used to talk about an  
action which happened  
**before** another action in  
the **past**



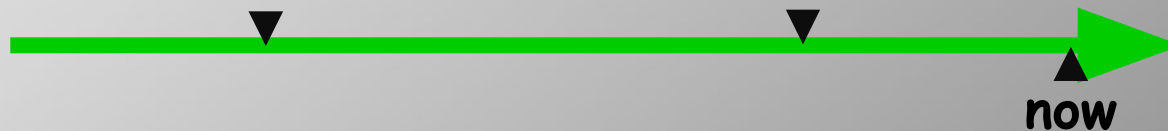
# Past Perfect

Mum had baked  
a cake  
before the party  
started.



Mum **baked**  
a cake.

The party  
**started**.





# Past Perfect

is used to talk about an  
action which happened  
**before** a stated time in  
the **past**

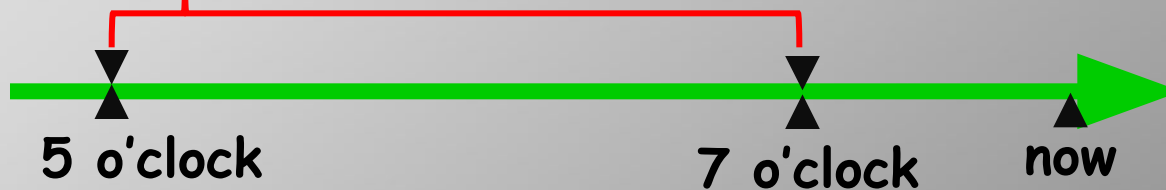


# Past Perfect

Lenny had done his homework  
by seven o'clock.



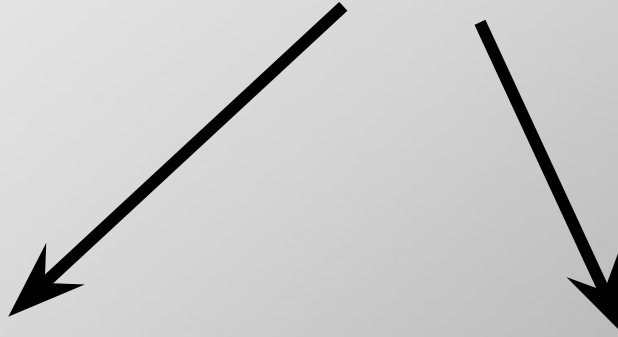
Lenny had done his homework .





# Form

had + past participle



regular

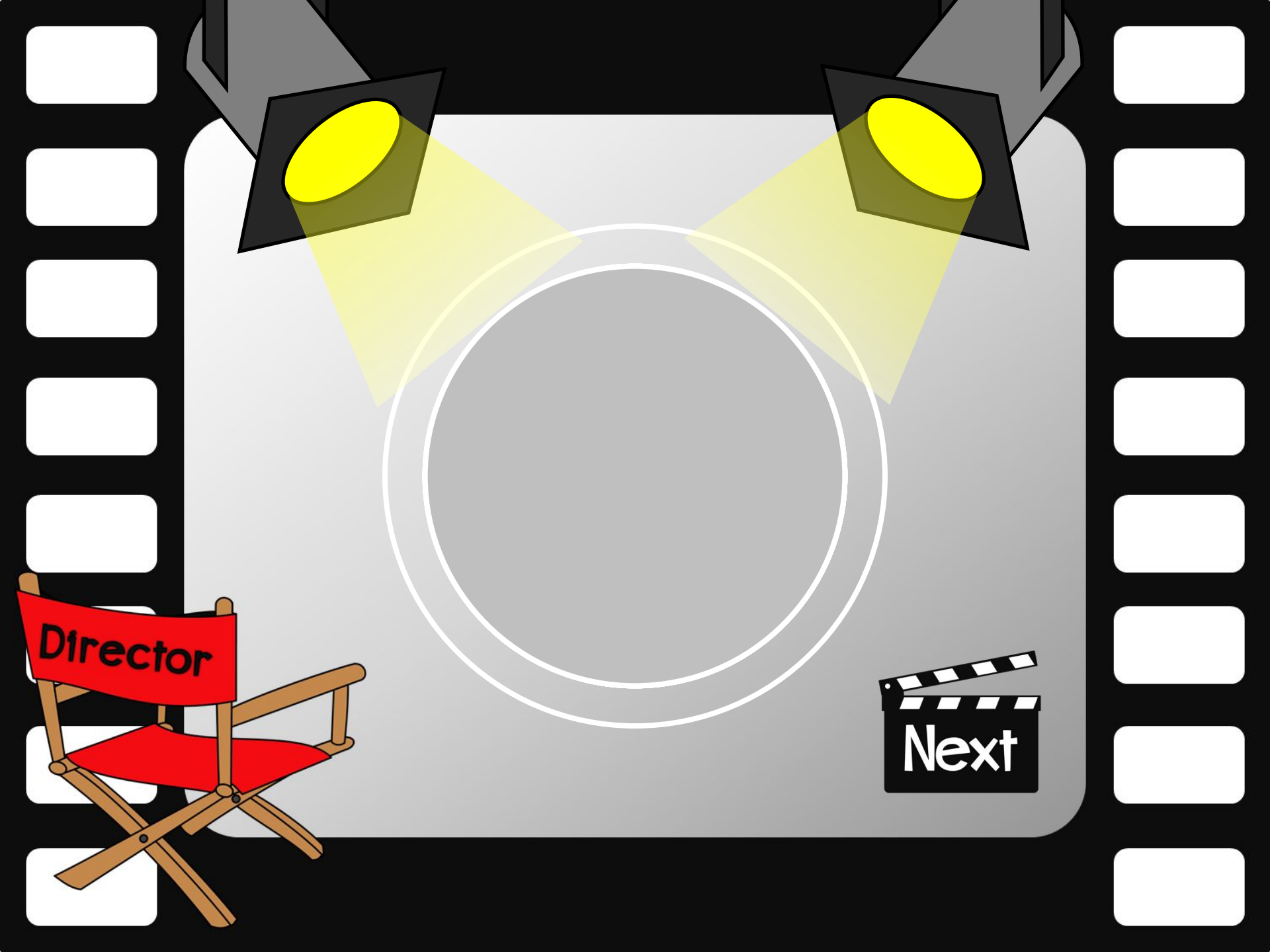
verb + ed

irregular

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# Most common time expressions





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Decide which action in the past took place  
**1st** and which took place **2nd**.

I felt better. **2nd** when

I took an aspirin. **1st**



When I had taken an aspirin,  
I felt better.



Decide which action in the past took place  
**1st** and which took place **2nd**.

We called a taxi. **1st** before

We locked the door. **2nd**



Before we locked the door,  
we had called a taxi.



Decide which action in the past took place  
**1st** and which took place **2nd**.

It stopped raining. **1st** as soon

We took our dog **2nd** as  
for a walk.



As soon as it had stopped  
raining, we took our dog for  
a walk.



Decide which action in the past took place  
**1st** and which took place **2nd**.

We reached the railway station. **2nd** by the time

The train left. **1st**



By the time we reached the railway station, the train **had** left.



Decide which action in the past took place  
**1st** and which took place **2nd**.

He spoke to a  
policeman. **2nd** after

He saw an accident. **1st**



After he had seen an  
accident, he spoke to a  
policeman.

