



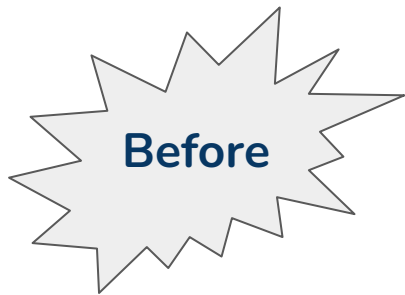
Past Perfect Keywords

There are lots of keywords that can be used in the past perfect tense. Let's take a look!



Before is used with the past simple past of the sentence.

The shop had closed before we arrived



It confirms the order of the two events.



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After is the exact opposite and it used with the past perfect part of the phrase.

I got home after they had finished their homework



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This must be used with a time phrase after.

	2 years
For	3 months
	5 days



For explains how long the first event happened.

I had been at university for 4 years when I left



When

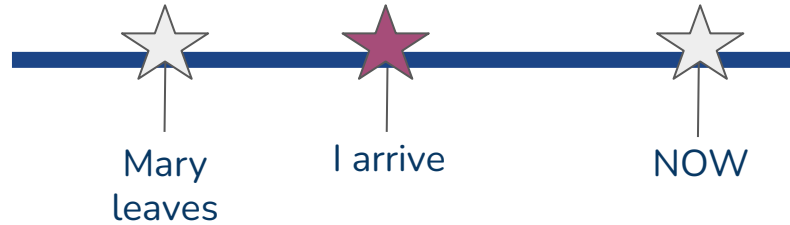
When is used with the past simple part of the sentence.

Mary had left work when I arrived



When

It confirms the order of the two events.



Mary had left work when I arrived



By the time

By the time is also used with the past simple part of the sentence.

By the time *I finished my degree, I had learnt a lot*

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It confirms the order of the two events.



By the time I finished my degree, I had learnt a lot