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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

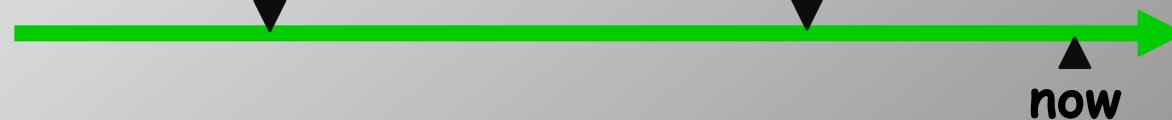


before the party  
started.



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**

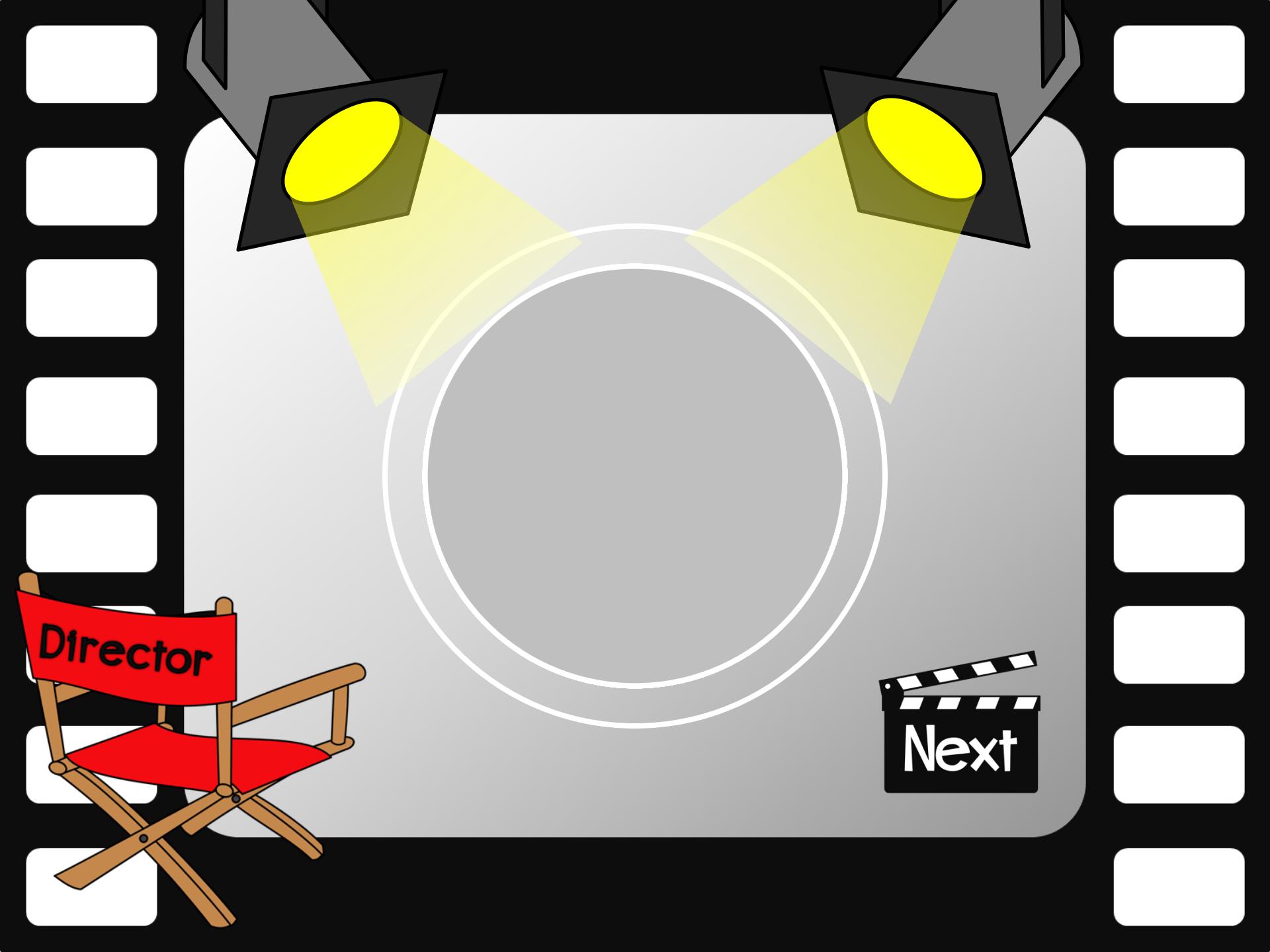


**regular**  
**verb + ed**

**irregular**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> column**

# 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

I took an aspirin. 1st

when



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

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 **2nd** policeman.

after

He saw an accident. **1st**



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



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