

to present action in the past perfect, to explain an past simple

- after Fred had spent (to spend) his holiday in Italy he wanted (to want) to learn Italian.
(to phone)
- Jill had phoned dad at work before she left (to leave) for her trip.
- Susan turned on (to turn on) the radio after she had washed (to wash) the dishes.
- When she arrived (to arrive) the match had already started (to start).
- after the man had come (to come) home he fed (to feed) the cat.
- before he sang (to sing) a song he had played (to play) the guitar.
- she watched (to watch) a video after the children had gone (to bed).
- after Eric had made (to make) breakfast he phoned (to phone) his friend.
- I was (to be) very tired because I had studied (to study) too much.

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• they had ridden (to ride) their bikes before they met (to meet) their friends.

- past perfect
- past simple