

Use of English

The past perfect is used to talk about a past action that happened earlier than another past action. For example, *When I got to the airport, I realised I **had left** my passport at home.*

- 1 Read the following sentences and decide which action happened first and which happened second. Write 1 or 2 above the underlined verbs.

a My mother had worried a lot about me before she heard that I was safe with my friends.

b By the time the firefighters arrived, the building had already burned down.

c The plane had taken off by the time I got to the airport.

d She had already entered the room when the air-conditioning stopped working.