PAST PERFECT

We use the Past Perfect when we mention two events in the past and we need to emphasize the order.
Look at the timeline.







When I turned on the TV, the movie had already finished.

Event in the past | Event in the past | Present

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE PAST

1st event: the movie finished
2nd event: I turned on the TV
Consequence: I missed the movie, that's why I'm disappointed.

FORMULA OF THE PAST PERFECT:

HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE (-ed for regular verbs / 3rd column of the irregular verbs table)

Affirmative form: SUBJECT + HAD + PAST PARTICIPLE
Interrogative form: HAD + SUBJECT + PAST PARTICIPLE
Negative form: SUBJECT + HADN'T + PAST PARTICIPLE

Read the sentences and decide which event happened first. Write 1 or 2 to order the events.

Ex.: By the time I got to the airport, the plane had already taken off.
(2) I got to the airport. (1) The plane took off.

a) Lucy had already left when I arrived home.
( ) Lucy left. ( ) I arrived home.

b) When they arrived at the stadium, the game had already started.
( ) They arrived at the stadium ( ) The game started.

c) I hadn't finished my homework by the time the school bus arrived.
( ) I was trying to finish my homework ( ) The school bus arrived.

d) Had you cleaned your room when your mother came in?
( ) You cleaned your room. ( ) Your mother came in.

e) When I finally closed the gate my dog had already run away.
( ) I closed the gate. ( ) The dog ran away.

f) Before the end of the year we had already become best friends.
( ) The year ended. ( ) We became best friends.