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Grammar

I. Read the following sentences from the story.

We found we had little to carry. Some thief had removed most of my things.

In the above two sentences, the first one is in the simple past (found, had) and the second is in the past perfect tense (had removed).

As you can see, the action which occurred earlier, is expressed in the past perfect tense, whereas the action which occurred later, is expressed in the simple past tense.

Here are a few more examples.

1. Sujatha had arrived at the station before the train came.
2. The doctor arrived after the patient had died.
3. I bought the ticket as soon as I boarded the bus.

When two actions occur nearly simultaneously in the past, both are expressed in the simple past tense (exceptional case)

Now combine the following pair of sentences using the past perfect and the simple past.

(use after, before or when as linkers)

The first one has been done for you. The beginning of the answer was given.

1. I brushed my teeth. I took my breakfast.

After I had brushed my teeth, I took my breakfast.

or

I had brushed my teeth before I took my breakfast.

2. She started to go to market. It rained heavily.

After

She

3. He completed his homework. He went to bed.

After

He

4. I finished my dinner. Then my father came.

After

I

5. I fell seriously ill. I met my family doctor.

After

I

6. I locked the door. I went out to meet my friend at a restaurant.

After

I

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