

PAST PERFECT

⌘ Positive: Subject + had + past participle

⌘ I had finished

⌘ Negative: Subject + had not + pp

⌘ I had not finished

⌘ Interrogative: Had + Subject + pp

⌘ Had I finished?

We use the past perfect to talk about an action in the past that happened at a time before another action in the past.

⌘ In 1996, John moved to London.

⌘ From 1990 to 1995, he **had lived** in Dover. (before then)

Then (main past)

⌘ John was ill.

⌘ Susan arrived late.

⌘ I was late for the appointment.


Before then (far past)

⌘ He had eaten too much chocolate.

⌘ Her car had broken down.

⌘ The doctor had gone home.

We normally use the past perfect if we tell the story like this:



⌘ Tom went home early. He had worked hard.


⌘ (The story goes back)

We normally use the past simple if we tell the story like this.

⌘ Tom worked hard. Then he went home.


⌘ The story goes forward.

We use the past perfect with "wish"



⌘ I wish I had listened to my father's advice.

We use past perfect with "as if"



⌘ She acted as if she had gone mad.

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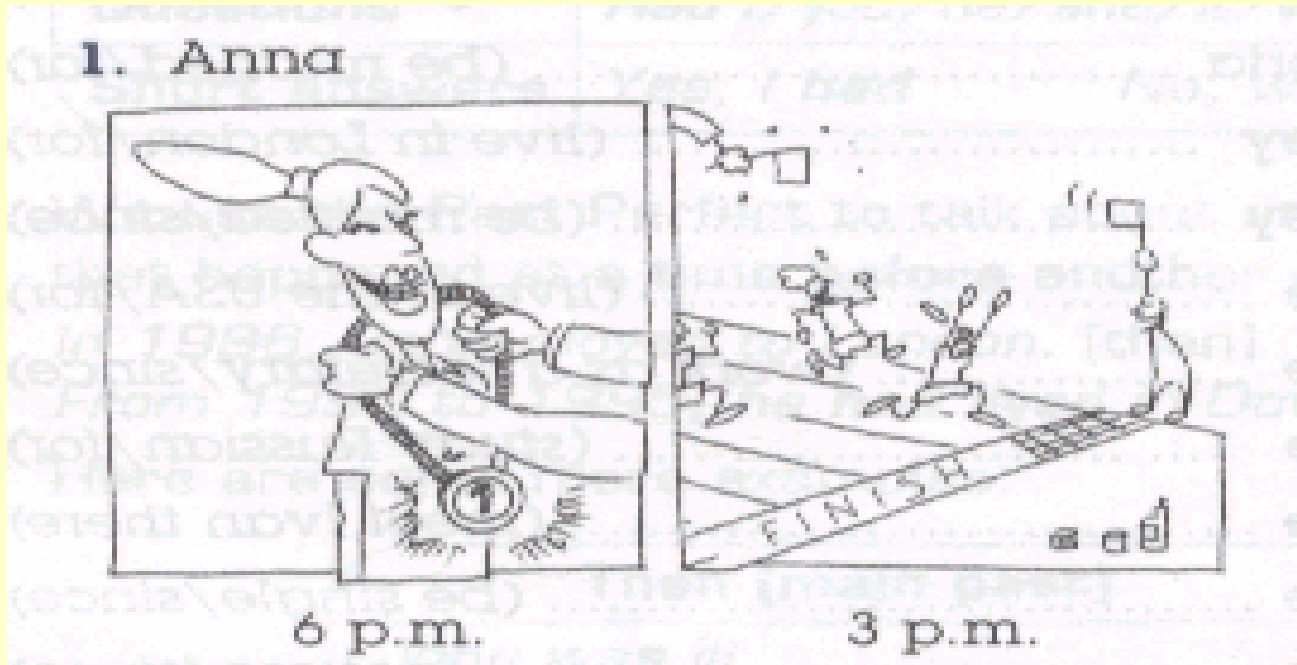


⌘ The past perfect of have is

⌘ had had

⌘ She arrived late because she had had problems starting the car.

Ann _____ (receive) a gold medal because she _____ (win) the race.



Ann **received** a gold medal because she **had won** the race.

Harry _____ (go) to prison after he _____ (rob) the bank.



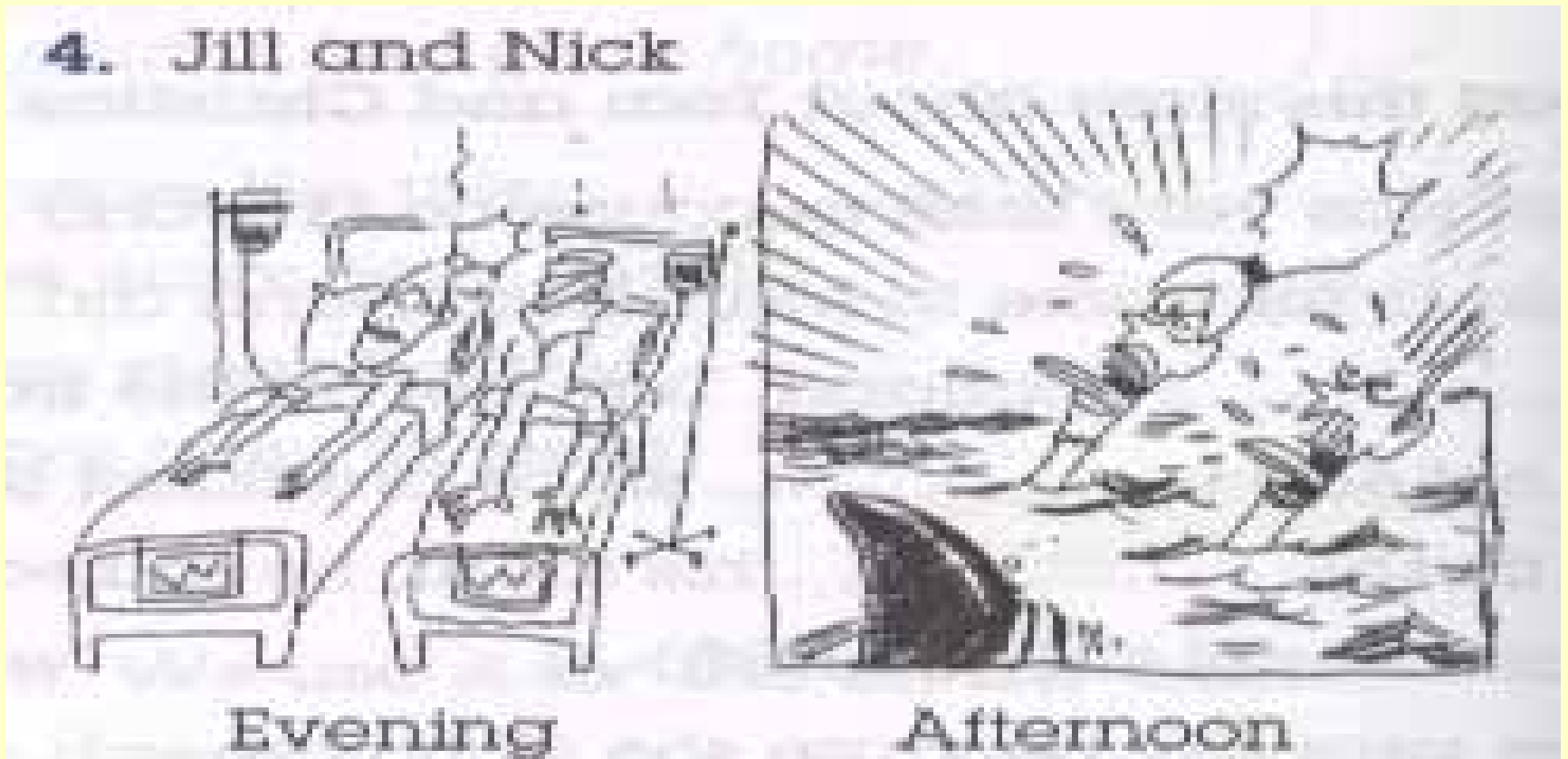
Harry **went** to prison after he **had robbed** the bank.

The police ____ (arrest) Michele because she ____ (stela) the diamond.



The police **arrested** Michele because she **had stolen** the diamond.

Jill and Nick ____ (go) to hospital after the shark ____ (attack) them.



Jill and Nick **went** to hospital after the shark **had attacked** them.