### Verb Tense #6: Past Perfect

#### When do we use this verb tense?
1) to describe an action or condition that began and ended at a specific time in the past; 2) to describe an action or condition that ended before another past action or condition.

#### How do we form this verb tense?
Place *had* before the past participle.

- I *had eaten* dinner before I got home.
- He *had talked* to his teacher before he started his research.
- They *had seen* the movie yesterday.
- We *had walked* to the museum, but it was closed.

**NOTE:** Some past participles are formed by adding *–ed* to the base form of the verb (*talk* → *talked*). Others are irregular and don’t follow a rule (*see* → *seen*).

#### Practice using the past perfect verb tense with a partner.

1. Point to a picture.
2. Make a statement about the picture using the past perfect verb tense. Follow the example.

*They had read the book before they saw the movie.*