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## Simple Past and Past Perfect Tenses

(a) The simple past tense is used to describe a series of events which happened one after the other:

At 2 o'clock he stopped work. He put on his coat and went out for lunch. He had lunch at a restaurant with a friend. After lunch he came back to the office.

(b) When the order of events is not followed, the past perfect tense is used to tell the correct order: Before going out for lunch, he had put on his coat.

Before coming back to the office, he had lunch at a restaurant with a friend.

(c) The past perfect tense is used to express a completed action before some special event/action that we have in our mind: By the time it began to snow, they had reached home.

(d) The simple past tense is used to express a single past action  
He came yesterday.