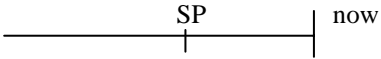
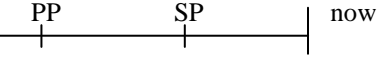
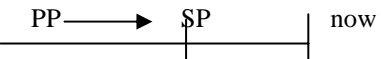
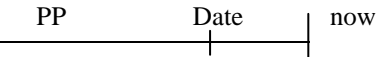


35. SIMPLE PAST TENSE (*It caused...*) vs. PAST PERFECT TENSE (*It had caused...*)

	FUNCTION	EXAMPLE	FORM
THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE	 <p>To describe an action that was completed at a particular time in the past (<i>yesterday, last month, two days ago</i>).</p>	<p><i>I <u>conducted</u> a survey last week to find out how many of my classmates spoke more than one language.</i></p>	Simple form + <i>ed</i>
THE PAST PERFECT TENSE	 <p>To describe an action that was completed before another action in the past. (Both happened in the past.)</p>	<p><i>Fire <u>had engulfed</u> the building by the time the firefighters arrived.</i> (First fire engulfed the building, and then the firefighters arrived. To make this time sequence clear, use the past perfect for the first action – fire breaking out all over the building).</p>	<i>had</i> + past participle
	 <p>To describe a completed action that continued from one moment in the past until another moment in the past.</p>	<p><i>Tom <u>had worked</u> at his job for thirty years when he retired.</i> (Tom began working thirty years ago and went on working until he retired. The first action continued until the second. Both took place in the past.)</p>	
	 <p>To describe an action that was completed in the past before a specific date or time (indicated by a prepositional time phrase).</p>	<p><i>By 2004, Roland <u>had appeared</u> in four movies.</i> (<i>By 2004</i> is the prepositional time phrase. The action – Roland's making four movies – was completed before that date.)</p>	