

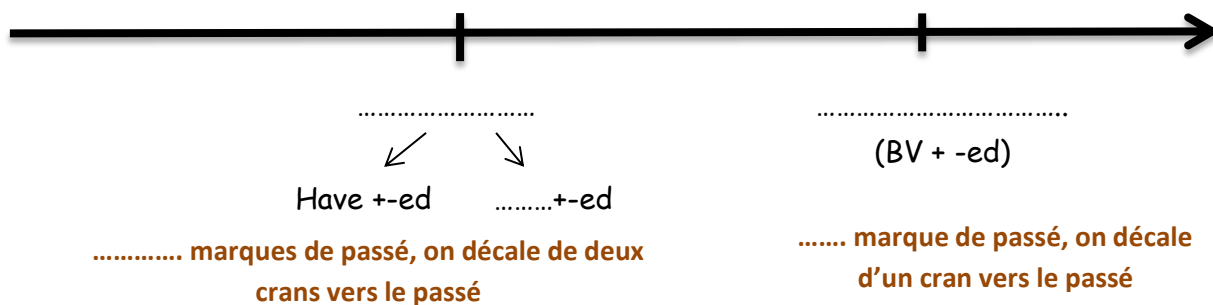
Compare the two following sentences



- a. People from all over the world **gathered** outside Buckingham Palace, and then Duchess Catherine Middleton **gave** birth to the royal baby.
- b. When Catherine Middleton **gave** birth to the royal baby, people from all over the world **had gathered** outside Buckingham Palace.

Now tick the right box

- Which sentence follows chronological order? a. b. Justify.
- Which sentence stresses a remarkable fact? a. b.



REMEMBER!

'**had gathered**' This tense is called the **pluperfect** (or **past perfect**)

Formation : **HAD + past participle**

- If the verb is a **regular** verb, the past participle is **V-ed**.
(Ex: had walked - had talked - had washed ...)
- If the verb is an **irregular** verb, you have to **learn the irregular form!**

👉 The past participles of irregular verbs are in the **third column** of your list of irregular verbs.

BASE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
break	broke	<i>broken</i>

So the pluperfect of the verb '*break*' is '*had broken*'.

Value:

Use the **pluperfect** to talk about an action that took place **before another action** in the **past**.

Ex: *When the police arrived, the burglars had already left the house.*

The burglars had already left the house when the police arrived.

