Lesson One: Past Perfect Tense

Step One

Subjects: who are the subjects in this picture? Make a list of possibilities.
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Verbs: what are the subjects doing? Make a list in infinitive form.
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Where are the subjects in the picture?

What is the time of day?

Why are the subjects doing what they are doing?
Directions: collaboratively generate two sentences for this picture with the verbs in the past perfect tense.

### Declarative Sentence Formula: Past Perfect Tense

Singular subject + had + past participle (verb ending with ed/en) + time phrase + finisher.

Plural subject + had + past participle (verb ending with ed/en) + time phrase + finisher.

*Example singular subject: The girl wearing the red shirt had worked on her math homework for thirty minutes before her mother had time to help her.*

*Example plural subject: The mother and daughter had walked home from school before starting that day's math homework.*

### Step Three

Directions: with a partner select a singular subject and a plural subject along with two verbs and write two sentences describing what is going on in the picture. Write in the past perfect tense using the Declarative Sentence Formula.

1. (start with a singular subject)

2. (start with a plural subject)
Using the following picture, generate subjects and verbs and then write two sentences, one with a singular subject and one with a plural subject in the past perfect tense using the Declarative Sentence Formula.

Subjects: who are the subjects in this picture? Make a list of possibilities.

Verbs: what are the subjects doing? Make a list in infinitive form.

Where are the subjects in the picture?

What is the time of day?

Why are the subjects doing what they are doing?
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*Example singular subject:* The girl wearing the red shirt had worked on her math homework for thirty minutes before her mother was to help her.

*Example plural subject:* The mother and daughter had walked home from school before starting that day's math homework.

1. (start with a singular subject)

2. (start with a plural subject)
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