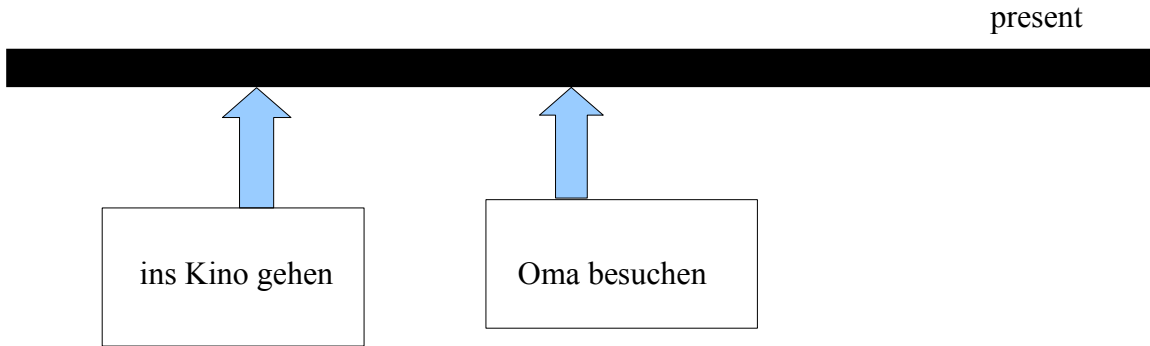


nachdem and bevor

relating two events in the past tense using past perfect and present perfect tense.

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Say you have two events that occurred in the past:



You can express these events in two ways:

First Way using *nachdem*

Ich habe Oma besucht, *nachdem ich ins Kino gegangen war.*

The event that occurred closer to the present is expressed in the present perfect tense, whereas the event occurring deeper in the past is expressed using the past perfect tense. *Nachdem* introduces a clause in this context using the past perfect tense.

You can also put the subordinate clause first in this complex sentences. Note the word order in the main clause.

*Nachdem ich ins Kino gegangen war, habe ich Oma besucht.*

Second Way, using *bevor*

Ich war ins Kino gegangen, *bevor ich Oma besucht habe.*

Once again, the event occurring closer to the present is expressed in the present perfect tense. But here we use *bevor* to connect these two clauses together. *Bevor* introduces a clause in the present perfect tense.

*Bevor ich Oma besucht habe, war ich ins Kino gegangen.*