Villainous verbs made harmless

Remember, some verbs take être in the perfect tense. Your dictionary points them out with this symbol: ë

So: We broke down in Calais.

Nous sommes tombés en panne à Calais.

†TIP
Forgotten the parts of the verb être?
No problem! Look up the verb [6] être in your verb lists, and select the form you need.

1 Verbs that take être

Use your dictionary to complete the French sentences.

1 We left. Nous sommes __________ e.
2 Marianne went out. Marianne est __________ e.
3 Sophie and Lucien went up. Sophie et Lucien sont __________ e.
4 Paul, did you go down? Paul, tu es __________ ?

†TIP
[10] faire will give you the parts of faire.
[4] se laver will give you the reflexive particles: je me ..., tu te ..., il se ... etc.

2 Reflexive verbs

1 Luc broke his arm. Luc s’est __________ bras.
2 They got married in July. Ils sont __________ s en juillet.
3 Marie ran away. Marie s’est __________.
4 Did you all sit down? Vous êtes __________ tous __________ ?

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There are so many issues involved when you use verbs in the past tense — and your dictionary is there to solve as many of them as possible.

Unjumble all the boxed letters to find the French word.
A very useful book – un d __________ .

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