



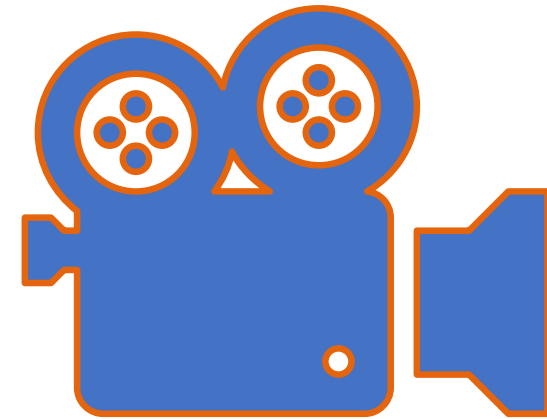
HOW TO TELL STORIES
by using
PAST PERFECT TENSE

STEP 1: First you need to watch this video!

We will learn how to use Past Perfect Tense during this lesson.

Click the link below for Youtube video of grammar point.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJ_37SyuGAY



A wooden boardwalk made of light-colored planks winds through a lush, green dune landscape. The path curves from the foreground towards the middle ground, leading the eye into the scene. The dunes are covered in tall grasses and some purple flowers. In the background, there are more dunes and a line of trees under a heavy, overcast sky. The overall mood is serene and natural.

*STEP 2: Read a paragraph
and see how Past Perfect
Tense is used in a text.*

Disaster Disaster!

Five years ago, I'd been invited for a job interview in Boston after I graduated from the university. And this was something which I'd never experienced before. But, I really wanted to get the job, so I was quite excited about going to Boston. I got in my car and started driving. I was thinking about what I would say in the interview. I was thinking of how important this job for me. When I had just lost my attention while driving, something terrible happened. I had to stop. I couldn't understand what was the matter until I looked out of my window: there had been a terrible accident on the road. A car had just collided with a motorcycle before I arrived there. I got almost paralyzed because I'd never seen such a terrible situation before. Three people had been lying down in the middle of a blood bath. So I thought they had been all dead. I looked in my handbag to find my mobile phone, but I couldn't find it. Why? Because I'd left it at home. So even though I was so terrified and there was nobody around, I had to get out of my car, walk to the people lying down and find a mobile phone. The ambulance arrived in 20 minutes after I had called 911. I said I had already taken their pulse before they came. They were all dead. By which time I was nearly 2 hours late for the interview. However, I was not that worried about missing the interview. After I had turned back home, I hugged my little son. This disaster teach me a life lesson: there are more important things in life than a job.

**STEP 3: Answer
the questions
according to the
paragraph.
Write down
your answers.**

A. Answer the following questions. Use Past Perfect Tense.

1. What did the author see when she looked out of the car window?
2. What had happened when the author arrived there?
3. Why couldn't the author find her mobile phone?
4. What didn't the author feel worried about missing the interview?
5. Have you ever had such a terrible experience before?

STEP 4: Rewrite

- Rewrite the following sentences as positive or negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using underlined sentences)

- Maggie had just finished her article when the deadline was almost here.

Negative: Maggie hadn't just finished her article when the deadline was almost here.

Yes/No Question: Had Maggie finished her article when the deadline was almost here?

Wh Question: When had Maggie finished her article?

Prepare your answers

Alyssa had been here for several weeks.

Negative:

Yes-No Question:

Wh Question:

She hadn't intended to lie to me even after I got angry with her.

Positive:

Yes-No Question:

Wh Question:

There hadn't been any doubt about his guilt.

Positive:

Yes-No question:

Wh Question:

STEP 5: More practice

- The plane _____(depart) when she got to the airport.
- Ali _____ (already finish) typing when the boss arrived at the Office.
- I suddenly realized that I _____ (meet) him at school.
- Brianna _____ (not have) a cup of tea before she came to our table.
- Had you _____(just turn off) your camera when you were in the previous online lesson?
- Kat _____(not send) my invitation yet when I last saw her.
- I ---- (buy) a new camera before I went to Italy.

STEP 6: Attend the quiz and see your performance.

- <https://quizizz.com/join?gc=14488364>



Do you need more exercise?

- You can check these exercises.
- <https://www.really-learn-english.com/past-perfect-exercises.html>

STEP 7: Homework

- **Prepare your fiction short story by using the pictures on my Padlet. You are supposed to write at least five Past Perfect sentences.**
- **Use Padlet link below. Add your sentences as a comment under the pictures. Don't forget using proper conjunctions such as when, before and after. You will see an example below.**
- **<https://padlet.com/busratiley/1jxgo02aax9ynrxt>**

Yesterday evening I was at home watching TV after I had had my dinner. I heard a terrible noise before I had fallen asleep. I was shocked when she had heard the scary noise. I didn't believe my eyes after I had looked out of the window. There was a huge alien aircraft!