

## Unit 3 Lesson 7 - I had been busy last week.

- 1. I have **a great deal** / several books on the shelf.
- 2. They don't like putting **a large number / a large amount** of salt on their steak.
- 3. Most / a bit employees have good evaluation results.
- 4. They went home early because they only have **a bit** / **a majority** of time left.
- 5. Do you spend **a great deal** / **dozens** of cash on expensive bags?
- 6. Her dad gave her a **bunch** / **group** of flowers on her birthdays.

## Target Language

## Introduce today's sentences.

**Grammar Focus** 

Past Perfect Tense



## **Key Expressions**

I had been busy last week until I completed the negotiations with my clients.

I had not eaten a decent meal since then.

# Word Focus

## Listen to the teacher and repeat.



negotiation



deal





rush



disturb

#### Listen to the audio and repeat.



Aya: Hey, Bo. I haven't heard from you since last week. Is everything okay?
Bo: Everything is fine. No worries. I had been busy last week until I completed the negotiations with my clients.

**Aya:** And? How did it go?

**Bo:** Well, the clients were certainly tough, but I managed to close a good deal with them in the end.

Aya: Glad to hear that. Your boss might give you some bonus days off for that.

- Bo: I hope so. I had not eaten a decent meal since then. I had to
  - rush to places every day to meet clients. I had to either buy a sandwich, or cook my own meal, and you know I'm a bad cook.

**Aya:** That's terrible. I didn't realize you were that busy. I'm not disturbing you now, am I?

**Bo:** Of course not. I'm even glad you called. At least I have someone to talk to about the crazy week I had.

## Grammar

#### Learn the grammar structures.



# Past Perfect Tense

an action that started at some point in the past and ended at another point in the past.

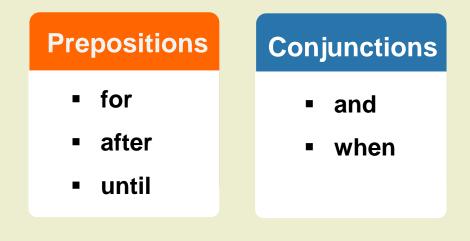
# had + verb (past participle)

The past perfect talks about or suggests a sequence of events.

Simple Past Tense: I was busy last week. Past Perfect Tense: I had been busy last week (until I finished negotiations with my clients.)

Simple Past Tense:Someone took my pen.Past Perfect Tense:Someone had taken my pen<br/>(when I went to the toilet room.)

## Past Perfect Tense uses:



#### Note:

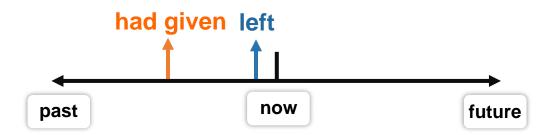
But the use of prepositions and conjunctions is <u>not</u> <u>always necessary</u>.

## Grammar

### Learn the uses of the Past Perfect Tense.

# Usage 1

for a completed action before another action



I had given him the keys before I left the house.

My sister had brushed her teeth before she slept.

# Stanley had finished his homework when his favorite show started.



He had waited for 3 hours in the café.

She hadn't seen him for 5 days until he came home.

I had not eaten a normal meal since then.

Choose the correct verb and write its past perfect form in the blank.

play steal not speak think drink

1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ of getting a dog when we passed by a pet shop.

2. This man \_\_\_\_\_\_ cellphones from tourists and sold them for half the real price.

3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ alcohol every night before he met his current girlfriend.

4. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ baseball until I finished high school.

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5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ to my old co-workers since I resigned last May.

Match the following phrases to form correct past perfect sentences.

- 1. When we arrived,
- 2. The man had caught the robber
- 3. They bought a new house
- 4. I was very upset because
- 5. When I came home
- 6. Did the students go home

- after they had visited the library?
- they had already eaten the meal.
- my mother hadn't called me in weeks.
  - after they had saved up enough money.
  - by the time the police arrived.
    - Maria had already left.

Complete the Past Perfect sentences using the given words and the past participle form.

1. (the children, clean) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the house before their mother got home.

2. (talk, we) \_\_\_\_\_\_ about our plans as soon as the holidays started.

3. (the company, send) \_\_\_\_\_\_ 3 employees to work at the new branch.

4. (she, leave) \_\_\_\_\_\_ when we drove to her house last night.

5. (John, James, live) \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the streets before they won the lottery.

6. (wait, I) \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the station until my friend arrived from his trip.

## **Role-play Time**



#### Situation:

You had a great time last week. Tell your friend about what had happened or the things you had done. (Use the grammar you learned today.)

## Word Focus

negotiationbusiness tripdealrushdisturb

## **Grammar Focus**

Past Perfect Tense