

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.

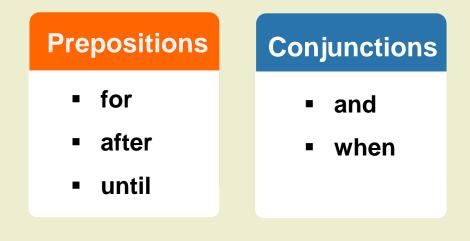
had + verb (past participle)

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
(when I went to the toilet room.)

Past Perfect Tense uses:



Note:

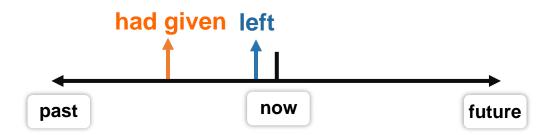
But the use of prepositions and conjunctions is <u>not</u> <u>always necessary</u>.

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