

FUMC ESL 3-31-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is the weather like today where you live?

Past Perfect Tense is used to talk about something that occurred in the past before some other event in the past. Use had + past participle verb. EX: Stella **had studied** English in elementary school.

Sometimes, you can substitute past tense for past perfect tense. But that doesn't always work.

EX: By the time I got to the airport, the plane **had left**. The team lost their game because they **hadn't practiced**. They **hadn't practiced** because their gym burned down.

In the sentences below, tell the tense of each of the verbs

1. She **didn't go** to lunch with us because she **hadn't finished** her work.
2. Sam **had talked** to me on the phone, but I **had never met** him.
3. I **hadn't had** time to go to the store, so we **didn't have** any food.
4. I **hadn't hired** a babysitter, so we **didn't go**.
5. Tanya **knew** where to go because she **had visited** Austin before.
6. Susan **had studied** English when she **was** in college.
7. Bill **had never seen** that movie.
8. Dot **had never driven** a car before she **arrived** in the United States.
9. We **ate** lobster last night. I **had never eaten** lobster before. It **was** really good.
10. I **had never seen** a bear before I **moved** to Alaska.
11. I **tried** to see the doctor this morning, but he **hadn't come** to the office yet.
12. I **was standing** on the street when I **saw** the monkey that **had escaped** from the zoo.

Talk about the difference in meaning in these example sentences.

present tense: Ben repairs cars.

past tense: Ben repaired my car yesterday.

present perfect tense: Ben has repaired my car many times before.

past perfect tense: Ben had repaired our car by the time we got there.

present continuous tense: Ben is repairing my car now.

past continuous tense: Ben was repairing my car when we arrived.

Conversations with Past Perfect Tense

Jan and Kate agree to meet for a drink after work. Jan waits for Kate. After she waits an hour, she leaves. The next day they have this conversation.

Kate: I **went** to the bar last night, but you **had gone**.

Jan: Yes. I **waited** for you for an hour. Then I **left**. I **had promised** Ed I would be home by 7.

One place we use past perfect tense is in **conditional** sentences. Conditional sentences usually contain a phrase that begins with IF. EX: If I **had called** her, she would have come.

Notice the difference between future tense and past perfect tense. WOULD is the past form of WILL. These are conditional sentences.

If I stay at the party, I **will be** late. If I **had stayed** at the party, I **would have been** late.
If I ride the bus, I **will get** home on time. If I **had ridden** the bus, I **would have gotten** home on time.

Both of these sentences are talking about what would have happened at some future date with a certain condition (staying at the party, riding the bus).

Suzy and Dana are talking about another couple, Steve and Sara.

Suzy: I just **heard** Steve and Sara **are getting** divorced. I was surprised. I **didn't know** they were having problems.

Dana: Bill **told** me yesterday. He **had known** about problems in the marriage for a few months.

Suzy: If I **had known** they were having problems, I **would have** tried to help.

Stacy: You **left** the party early.

Mary: If I **had stayed**, I would have been late getting home.

Beth: I am sorry you **rode** the bus home. If I **had known** you needed a ride, I **would have** picked you up.

Toni: It's OK. The bus was fine. I **have ridden** buses all my life. I **like** buses.

Blends that are pronounced like F:

PH almost always has the F sound. EX: elephant, photograph, phone, alphabet, pharmacy
There are a few exceptions, like shepherd and haphazard. And many compound words, like peephole, loophole, uphill

GH at the **end** of words is often pronounced as F: rough, tough, laugh, enough, cough
"Through" is an exception. The gh is silent in through.

Words that start with GH, like ghost and ghetto do not have the F sound.

SPH is pronounced with F sound: sphere, asphalt, sphinx
(A sphinx is a creature with a human head and a lion body.)
(A sphere is round. The Earth is a sphere. A ball is a sphere.)
(Asphalt is a dark mixture used to pave roads.)

Holding the Bag

*Review: Bags were left in Negasi's taxi with \$5,000 in them. Negasi's family really needs money. In the last chapter, Negasi was about to hand Ana some cash from the bag he found in his taxi. But then he had **second thoughts**.*

Chapter 12---At the Police Station

"Oh, never mind," says Negasi. I need to buy a few things, too. And I need to change the oil in the taxi. Just use the credit card, Ana."

Ana doesn't like to use the credit card, but she says, "Okay." Ana knows they have to use the credit card sometimes. Negasi doesn't always have the cash they need. She tells Negasi to have good luck at the police station. Then she and the children leave.

After they leave, Negasi opens his hand and puts the \$300 back into the bag. He doesn't want to think about this money anymore. He wants to bring it to the police right away. He doesn't want to be tempted by this money.

At 9 AM, Negasi arrives at the police station. He tells his story to the police officer. They take Negasi to a back room. Several police officers question him. They ask Negasi to fill out some papers. Then they tell Negasi about a robbery yesterday on Wisconsin Avenue. It was a jewelry store. The store had a camera. The police found the man caught on the camera. He is in jail now. They showed Negasi a picture of the man. "Yes, that's him," says Negasi.

The police officer says, "We found most of the money. But \$5,000 was missing." Negasi says, "It is here in this bag. All of it."

1. Does Negasi give Ana money from the bag?
2. Why is Negasi in a hurry to get rid of the money?
3. What do the police officers tell Negasi about the robbery?
4. How did they catch the thief?
5. Did Negasi recognize the thief?

Chapter 13--An Interview for the Newspaper

Negasi stays at the police station for over three hours. The police officer says, "Negasi, there is a reporter from the newspaper here. This will make an interesting story. Can she please interview you?"

Negasi looks at his watch. "I don't think so." he says. "I have to go to work."

"It won't take long," says the reporter. "People love stories like this." Negasi thinks about his children. It will make them proud to read a story in the paper about their father. So Negasi agrees to the interview.

The reporter interviews Negasi. She says, "Did you think about spending the money? Did you think of all the things you could do with \$5,000?"

"Yes, I thought about it," says Negasi. "I work ten hours a day, seven days a week as a taxi driver. I worry about my finances. I have two children and a baby coming soon." Then, with tears in his eyes, Negasi tells about his relatives in Ethiopia who need help. They don't have enough food and there is no work. Negasi sends money to them every month. "I could really use that \$5,000," says Negasi. "But that money belongs to the owner of the jewelry store. It wasn't mine. I couldn't spend it."

1. At first, Negasi said he didn't want to be interviewed. Why?
2. Why does Negasi agree to the interview?
3. What does the reporter ask Negasi?
4. What does Negasi answer?