

12A Strange but true!

1 GRAMMAR past perfect

a Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- The streets were white because it had snowed the night before. (snow)
- I suddenly remembered that I _____ the windows before I left the house. (not close)
- We got to the cinema ten minutes after the film _____. (start)
- Tina felt nervous because she _____ before (not fly)
- Paul lent me the book after he _____ it. (read)
- They missed the flight because they _____ the announcement. (not hear)

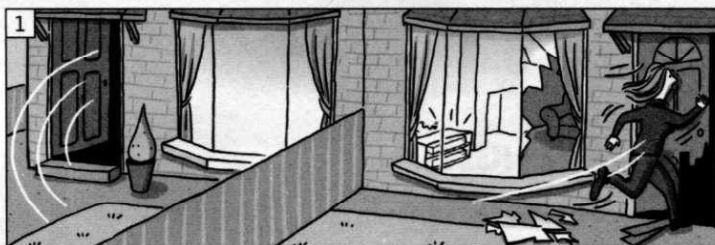
b Write questions in the past perfect.

- A I drove my boyfriend's car this morning.
B you / drive it / before
Had you driven it before ?
- A My friends ate sushi in Japan.
B they / eat sushi / before
_____ ?
- A My brother won a gold medal.
B he / win a medal / before
_____ ?
- A The children made a cake yesterday.
B they / make a cake / before
_____ ?
- A My sister ran in the London marathon last weekend.
B she / run a marathon / before
_____ ?
- A We went to Brazil on holiday.
B you / be there / before
_____ ?

c Make these two sentences into one. Use the past perfect and the past simple.

- We bought some souvenirs. Then we went back to the hotel.
After we had bought some souvenirs, we went back to the hotel.
- Max did the ironing. Then he put the clothes away.
After Max _____.
- They watched the news. Then they turned off the TV.
After _____.
- I read the book. Then I gave it back.
When _____.
- Ruth tried on the top. Then she went to the checkout.
After Ruth _____.
- We had dinner. Then we did the washing up.
After _____.

d Circle the correct verb.



Last week my neighbour was on holiday. One night I ¹ **heard** / **had heard** a strange noise in her house. I ² **opened** / **had opened** the door to have a look, and I found that someone ³ **broke** / **had broken** into the house.

Luckily, he (or she!) ⁴ **already left** / **had already left** when I got there, and they ⁵ **didn't steal** / **hadn't stolen** much as far as I could see – just the TV.



I was looking for my mobile yesterday morning, but I couldn't find it. I was sure I ⁶ **didn't lose** / **hadn't lost** it, because I ⁷ **saw** / **had seen** it twenty minutes before. Then I realized that I ⁸ **left** / **had left** it in my trouser pocket, and I ⁹ **put** / **had put** my trousers in the washing machine!

2 PRONUNCIATION contractions:

had / hadn't

a Write the sentences with contractions.

- 1 He had forgotten it. He'd forgotten it.
- 2 We had lost it. _____
- 3 You had seen her. _____
- 4 It had been a terrible day. _____
- 5 I had not sent it. _____
- 6 She had not done it. _____
- 7 They had not told me. _____

b **iChecker** Now listen and check. Then listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

3 VOCABULARY verb phrases

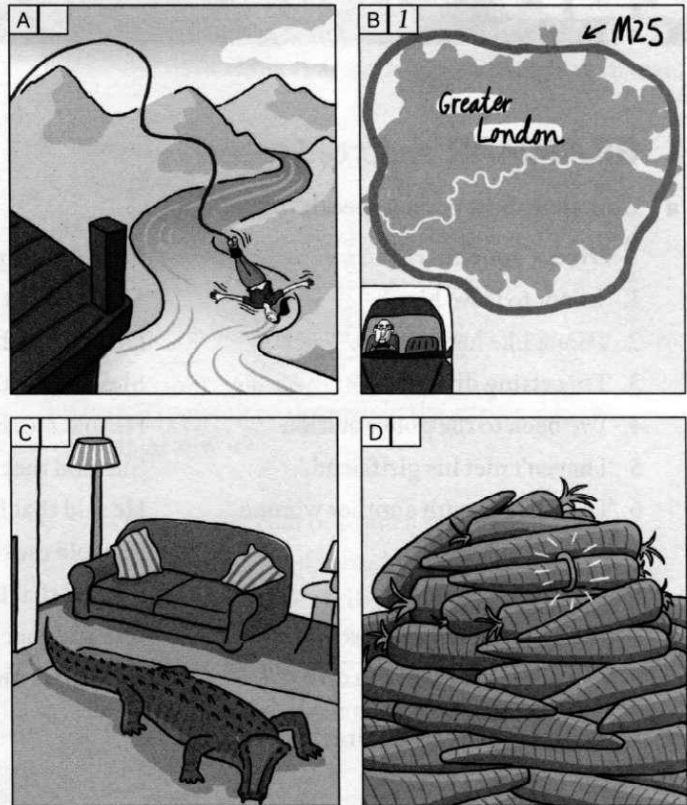
Complete the sentences with the past simple or past participle of the verbs from the box.

get on get out of free realize put go on
have leave be belong

- 1 He was re-arrested 24 hours after he had been freed from prison.
- 2 The check-in clerk _____ my suitcase on the belt and gave me my boarding pass.
- 3 This ring _____ to my mother when she was young.
- 4 She wasn't worried because she had _____ the baby with her mother.
- 5 My parents weren't at home because they had _____ holiday a few days before.
- 6 After we had _____ the pool, we sunbathed for a while.
- 7 We went to the beach and _____ a swim.
- 8 When I got to my class, I _____ that I had forgotten my books.
- 9 He _____ in prison when his son was born.
- 10 The train left a few minutes after they had _____ it.

4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to four true news stories. Number the pictures in the order you hear the stories.



b Listen again and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 Dennis Leighton was going to visit his ~~sister~~. *daughter*
- 2 He had been in his car for 13 hours.
- 3 Erin Langworthy was on holiday in Kenya.
- 4 She was taken to hospital after she had walked to safety.
- 5 Lena Paahlsson lost the ring while she was doing the washing up.
- 6 Today the ring is too big for her.
- 7 The crocodile had gone into Jo Dodd's kitchen.
- 8 Mrs Dodd called the Crocodile Management Centre.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| wave /weɪv/ | close to (adj) /'kləʊs tə/ |
| arrest /ə'rest/ | outdoor /aʊtdɔː/ |
| belong /bɪ'lɒŋ/ | fortunately /'fɔːtʃənətli/ |
| realize /'riələɪz/ | net /'net/ |
| steal /sti:l/ | rob (a bank) /rɒb/ |

12B Gossip is good for you

1 GRAMMAR reported speech

a Complete the reported speech.

Direct speech

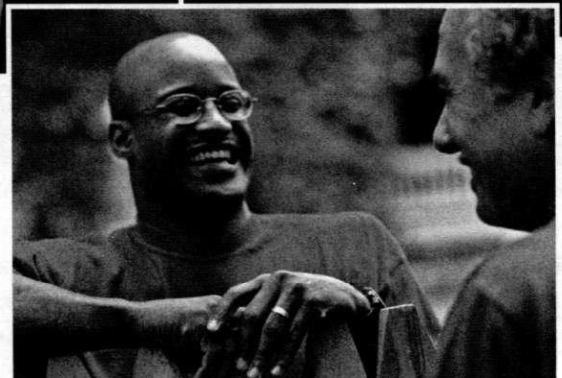
- 1 'I want to leave him.'
- 2 'I don't like her parents.'
- 3 'I'm getting divorced.'
- 4 'I've been to the police station.'
- 5 'I haven't met his girlfriend.'
- 6 'I saw James with another woman.'
- 7 'I can't cook.'
- 8 'I won't tell anyone.'
- 9 'I'll speak to her tomorrow.'
- 10 'I've got a lot of work to do.'

Reported speech

- She said that she wanted to leave him.
- He told me that he _____.
- She told me that she _____.
- He told me that he _____.
- She said that she _____.
- He said that he _____.
- She told me that she _____.
- He said that he _____.
- She said that she _____.
- He told me that he _____.

b Write the sentences in direct speech.

- 1 She said she was busy.
She said: 'I'm busy.'
- 2 Jane said that she wanted a cup of coffee.
She said: '_____.'
- 3 They told me that they hadn't seen the new neighbours yet.
They said: '_____.'
- 4 Steve told me that he didn't want to go to the cinema.
He said: '_____.'
- 5 Helen and Paul said they would go to the party.
They said: '_____.'
- 6 He said that his computer had just broken.
He said: '_____.'
- 7 She told me that the city was very old.
She said: '_____.'
- 8 They said that they would visit me.
They said: '_____.'



2 VOCABULARY *say or tell?*

a **Circle** the correct words.

- 1 Her husband **said** / **told** that he was working late.
- 2 She **said** / **told** me that she wasn't happy.
- 3 They **said** / **told** us that they were getting married.
- 4 You **said** / **told** that she didn't like men with beards.
- 5 I **said** / **told** you that I had a new girlfriend.
- 6 We **said** / **told** that we were going to be late.
- 7 Anna **said** / **told** you that she didn't have a car.
- 8 I **said** / **told** her that John was busy.
- 9 He **said** / **told** that we had to do exercise five.
- 10 You **said** / **told** that she had called Mike this morning.

b Complete the sentences with *said* or *told*.

- 1 She said that she had been to a friend's house.
- 2 We _____ our parents we wouldn't be home for lunch.
- 3 I _____ you that the man wasn't her brother.
- 4 They _____ that they were going on holiday.
- 5 He _____ me that he didn't have a girlfriend.
- 6 You _____ that you weren't going out tonight.
- 7 James _____ that he was busy tonight.
- 8 I _____ that the film started at eight o'clock.
- 9 We _____ them that his sister was on holiday.
- 10 Olivia _____ me that she had called Jack this morning.

3 PRONUNCIATION *double consonants*

a Look at the phonetics and write the words.

- 1 /'gɒsɪp/ gossip
- 2 /'mæɪrɪd/ _____
- 3 /'letə/ _____
- 4 /'mɪdl/ _____
- 5 /'hʌrɪ/ _____
- 6 /'dɪfrənt/ _____
- 7 /'sɒrɪ/ _____
- 8 /'sʌmə/ _____
- 9 /'mesɪdʒ/ _____
- 10 /'hæpɪ/ _____

b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again.
Practise saying the words.

4 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to Alan and Jess discussing a survey.
Do they both gossip at work?
- b Listen again and write T (true) or F (false).
- 1 Jess and Alan think that woman gossip more than men.
T
 - 2 According to the results of the survey, Jess and Alan are right.
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 - 3 The survey was done by a newspaper.
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 - 4 Nobody was surprised by the results of the survey.
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 - 5 Over 50 percent of the men in the survey said they gossiped at work.
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 - 6 Less than 50 per cent of women said they gossiped.
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 - 7 The men in the survey talked about topics related to work.
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 - 8 The women talked about their male colleagues.
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USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

genes /dʒi:nz/

gossip /gɒsɪp/

share /ʃeə/

according to /ə'kɔ:dɪŋ tə/

feel guilty /fi:l 'gɪlti/

in general /ɪn 'dʒenrəl/

pass on /'pɑ:s ɒn/

social skill /'səʊʃl skɪl/

12C The English File quiz

1 GRAMMAR questions without auxiliaries

a Circle the correct question.

- a Who did paint *The Kiss*?
b Who painted *The Kiss*?
- a Which instrument does Angus Young of AC / DC play?
b Which instrument plays Angus Young of AC / DC?
- a How many lives do cats have in the UK?
b How many lives have cats in the UK?
- a What did happen in Japan on 11th March 2011?
b What happened in Japan on 11th March 2011?
- a Which American singer did die on 25th June 2009?
b Which American singer died on 25th June 2009?
- a Who did Beyoncé marry in 2008?
b Who Beyoncé married in 2008?
- a What animal caught a train for 50 kms?
b What animal did catch a train for 50 kms?
- a What invented Peter Durand in 1810?
b What did Peter Durand invent in 1810?

b Match the questions in a with these answers.

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| a Nine. | <u>3</u> |
| b An earthquake and a tsunami. | — |
| c Michael Jackson. | — |
| d Gustav Klimt. | — |
| e Jay-Z. | — |
| f Tinned food. | — |
| g The guitar. | — |
| h A dog. | — |

c Complete the questions for the answers.

- What made Mark Zuckerberg famous?
Facebook made Mark Zuckerberg famous.
- When _____ the football World Cup?
Spain won the football World Cup in 2010.
- How long _____ together?
REM stayed together for 31 years.
- Who _____ *Jack Sparrow* in *Pirates of the Caribbean*?
Johnny Depp plays *Jack Sparrow* in *Pirates of the Caribbean*.
- How _____?
Amy Winehouse died from alcohol poisoning.
- Where _____?
Polar bears live in the Arctic.
- How many _____ at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris?
Twelve roads join at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.
- Which country _____ in the world?
India produces the most bananas in the world.

2 VOCABULARY revision

a Circle the word or phrase that is different. Say why it's different.

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| 1 curly | long | <u>slim</u> | straight |
| <i>It's not used to describe hair.</i> | | | |
| 2 friendly | generous | kind | overweight |
| 3 bracelet | earrings | necklace | tracksuit |
| 4 a course | exercise | a phone call | housework |
| 5 crowded | polluted | dangerous | exciting |
| 6 market | shopping | town hall | department store |
| 7 decide | finish | forget | pretend |
| 8 get up | get old | get fit | get lost |
| 9 bee | butterfly | bat | mosquito |

b Complete the sentences with **one** word.


- Why don't you try on that dress?
- She was born _____ March 24th, 1996.
- I'll have to take my new top _____ to the shop.
It has a hole.
- Please don't throw _____ my old jeans. I still wear them.
- You'll have to speak _____ the manager about your complaint.
- I'm looking _____ to going away at the weekend.
- The children ran _____ the road without looking. Luckily, there wasn't much traffic.
- They arrived _____ London at midnight.
- We carried _____ working until it was time to go home.
- Can you please pick _____ that rubbish from the floor?

c Complete the missing verbs.

- go _____ sightseeing
- s _____ at a campsite
- f _____ in love with somebody
- m _____ a mistake
- d _____ the shopping
- l _____ money to somebody
- s _____ hours doing something
- g _____ on well with somebody
- e _____ a salary
- f _____ a job

3 PRONUNCIATION revision

a **Circle** the word with a different sound.

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| 1 |  cat | cap hat want |
| 2 |  bull | book push school |
| 3 |  boot | lose hope suit |
| 4 |  up | turn gloves sunny |
| 5 |  train | lazy safe bald |
| 6 |  phone | towel goat throw |
| 7 |  bike | kind shy thin |
| 8 |  owl | cow horse mouse |
| 9 |  horse | boring awful word |
| 10 |  ear | beard earrings wear |
| 11 |  chair | hair scared fear |
| 12 |  key | crowded city across |
| 13 |  chess | church beach chemist's |
| 14 |  jazz | large forget giraffe |

b **iChecker** Listen and check.

4 READING

a Read the article and match the questions to the answers.

Don't ask me!

A survey of 2,000 parents has discovered that two thirds of them are unable to answer their children's questions about science. See if you can match the ten most common questions with their answers below.

- 1 Why is the moon sometimes out in the day? E
- 2 Why is the sky blue? —
- 3 Will we ever discover aliens? —
- 4 How much does the Earth weigh? —
- 5 How do aeroplanes stay in the air? —
- 6 Why is water wet? —
- 7 How do I do long division? —
- 8 Where do birds and bees go in winter? —
- 9 What makes a rainbow? —
- 10 Why are there different times on Earth? —

- A Bees stop flying and birds stay together in groups or migrate.
- B People decided to have 'time zones' so that it would be light during the day everywhere on Earth. If there weren't time zones, some people would have midday in the middle of the night!
- C The Earth weighs 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000kg.
- D Because of their chemistry, some liquids can be absorbed by solid things.
- E The moon can be lit up by the sun, depending on where it is in the sky. If it reflects the sun's rays, we can see it, even during the day. It all depends on its angle towards the Earth.
- F Multiply the single numbers and the tens separately, then add them together.
- G Sunlight arrives on Earth in every colour, but it hits particles in our air that 'shine' blue.
- H Planes have special wings which push air down. This pushing action is stronger than gravity, and so the plane goes up in the air.
- I Sunlight going through water drops in the air 'separates' into all the colours.
- J No one knows.

b **Underline** five words that you don't know. Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to five people talking about quiz shows. Complete the names of the shows.

- 1 Master _____
- 2 A Question of _____
- 3 _____ my Bluff
- 4 Who wants to be a _____?
- 5 _____ Quiz

b Listen again. Match some questions which could have been on these quiz shows with the speakers.

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| Speaker 1 | <u>E</u> | A Who sang <i>Every breath you take</i> ? |
| Speaker 2 | — | B Who painted <i>Sunflowers</i> ? |
| | | A Picasso B Van Gogh C Cezanne D Monet |
| Speaker 3 | — | C How many times has Brazil won the World Cup? |
| Speaker 4 | — | D What does 'willy nilly' mean? |
| Speaker 5 | — | E When was Charles Dickens born? |