

## Week 8 Grammar

### A Review Of The Past

- Where were you at 2pm yesterday?
- What were you doing at 2pm yesterday?
- What had you done by 2pm yesterday

Use Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past Perfect had + past participle
for a completed action in the past <i>I <b>saw</b> you at the presentation yesterday..</i>	when one action began before another, and finished after it. <i>I <b>was working</b> when he arrived</i>	to stress that one action or situation in the past occurred before another action/situation in the past. <i>I <b>had talked</b> to all the sales people by lunchtime.</i>
	to talk about an action that had already started and was still continuing at a particular time <i>It <b>was still raining</b> at five o'clock.</i>	conjunctions we often use with the past perfect are <i>after</i> and <i>before</i> . <i>After Jimmy <b>had arrived</b>, the party became really good.</i> <i>Before he retired my father <b>had worked</b> in the post office.</i>
	to describe TWO actions that were BOTH continuing at the same time in the past. <i>While I <b>was reading</b>, she <b>was working</b>.</i>	Note: it is not always necessary to use the past perfect in situations with <i>before</i> and <i>after</i> when it is logical that one past is followed by another.

**A Select the correct past tense for each gap: simple, continuous or perfect.**

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) during the presentation? I don't think you \_\_\_\_\_ (listen).
2. When Steve \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at IBM, the receptionist \_\_\_\_\_ (be not) at her desk. She \_\_\_\_\_ lunch at the canteen.
3. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a presentation to the clients this morning. Last week he \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) on a beach in Brazil.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the office on Friday to speak to Mr. Williams, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me he already (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ for the USA.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) notes when there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a power cut. The engineer \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the problem and then we \_\_\_\_\_ (carry on).
6. After the presentation \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the sales team \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the room very quickly..
7. In spite of the changes that \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place the economic situation wasn't changed.
8. The Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ (become) serious competitors in the Far East which had been a traditional British market.
9. We did not buy their parts because their prices \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) sharply..
10. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the last place you \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) on business? While you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) there \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) any time to do any sightseeing? If so, which sites \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?
11. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you last \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday? \_\_\_\_\_ you (be) there before? Before you \_\_\_\_\_ (go), \_\_\_\_\_ you already \_\_\_\_\_ (read) about the places you \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to visit?
12. While you \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to work this morning, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about work or something else?
13. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this time last week?
14. When \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (work) yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to chat to colleagues?

15. He \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a mechanical engineer for a long time before he left New Zealand.
16. Because the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ (do) wonderful things, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (think) he was a magician.
17. When the boss returned to the office, he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that the secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) anything he \_\_\_\_\_ (instruct) her to do.
18. Before Madam Curie started work, Becquerel \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) that uranium gave off rays.
19. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) unusually early and the secretary, who \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a fashion magazine, \_\_\_\_\_ (have) no time to hide it.
20. Without any reason, the customer returned the goods that we \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver).
21. We spoke about the conference that \_\_\_\_\_ (take place) the week before.
22. After I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) him the email, I \_\_\_\_\_ (realize) that I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to attach the required files.

**B Complete this interview with the past perfect or the past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.**

**Journalist:** Did your interest in fashion begin in 2009 when you opened your first clothes shop or \_\_\_\_\_ you always \_\_\_\_\_ (be) interested?

**Alya:** I suppose so. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a number of jobs in the Middle East fashion industry long before I opened my own shop. It was all at the time when clothes with an oriental look \_\_\_\_\_ quickly \_\_\_\_\_ (become) very popular around the world. But, even as a child, while I \_\_\_\_\_ (grow up) in the U.K. I knew that was something that I wanted to do...