

Matrix Pre-Intermediate Unit 7

Focus Past perfect

Write sentences using the notes and the word(s) in brackets. Put one verb into the past perfect, and one into the past simple. Note: Remember that the action which happened first goes in the past perfect.

- 1 the bus break down / Tara be late for school (because)
_____ .
- 2 Jim already have an argument with Sue / I arrive at the party (when)
_____ .
- 3 burglars already escape / the police arrive (when)
_____ .
- 4 my friends already leave / my parents get home (when)
_____ .
- 5 he break his leg / Alex not can play football (because)
_____ .
- 6 I leave my door key at school / I get home, I find (when)
_____ .
- 7 my dad forget to say 'happy birthday' to her / my mum was angry (because)
_____ .
- 8 he miss his favourite programme on TV / my brother was upset (because)
_____ .

Activate Past Perfect Pelmanism

'Pelmanism' is a card game. There are 36 cards, which show 18 pairs. In 'Past Perfect Pelmanism', the pairs are all two parts of a past perfect sentence.

Example

Card A: I was nervous before the flight

Card B: I hadn't flown before

Sentence: *I was nervous before the flight because I hadn't flown before.*

The aim of the game is to collect as many pairs as possible.

- a Play with a partner. Lay out all the cards face down in a square pattern.
- b Take it in turns to turn over 2 cards.

Rules:

- When you turn over 2 cards, if they are a pair, you must say the full sentence and then you can keep the cards. Take them out of the square and keep them next to you.
- If you turn over 2 cards that aren't a pair, you must turn them face down again and it is the other person's go. Try to remember what cards you saw!
- The game finishes when all the cards have been turned over. Count up how many pairs you've got. The winner is the one with the most pairs.

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Past Perfect Pelmanism Cards

I was nervous before the flight	She was hungry	He was tired all day
I hadn't flown before	she hadn't eaten for hours	he hadn't slept well the night before
I was upset	She was worried	He was wet
my cat had died	she hadn't revised for her exams	he'd got caught in the rain
I was tired all day	She was happy	We were late
I hadn't slept well the night before	she'd won the lottery	we hadn't been able to get a taxi

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They arrived late	My sister was horrible to me last week	John didn't want to go to school
they'd missed their train	I'd lost her best CD	he had not done any of his homework
Melanie bought a new computer	Patrick wanted to go to the theatre	They switched off the TV
her old one had blown up	he'd heard there was a good play on	they had watched enough for one evening
My sister was very nice to me last week	We were tired	He was unable to get into the house
she'd lost my best CD	we had been up all night playing computer games	he had left his keys in his desk drawer