


Discover Grammar

- A** Listen and read Tania's story about her vacation.  07

My parents had decided that they wanted to go somewhere warm for the new year. We'd looked at lots of places on the Internet and had finally chosen a two-week vacation in Asia. I'd wanted to stay in a house on the beach, but my parents had booked a hotel on a hill. The night before the disaster, we'd gone for a walk on the beach and had eaten in a little restaurant facing the sea. Then we'd gone to bed early. In the morning, we'd gotten up quite late. We heard people shouting: "Tsunami! Tsunami!" I'd never heard the word "tsunami" before, and I had no idea what it was. Later, I found out that it was an enormous wave caused by an underwater volcano or earthquake. It had destroyed the buildings on the seafront, including the little restaurant where we'd had dinner the night before. We felt so lucky to be alive!



- B** Listen to Tania's story again. Underline all of the verbs in the past perfect (*had done*). Circle all of the short forms.  07

- C** Write the long forms of the verbs.

- 1 We'd looked at lots of places on the Internet.
- 2 I'd wanted to stay in a house.
- 3 We'd gone for a walk on the beach.
- 4 Then we'd gone to bed early.
- 5 In the morning, we'd gotten up quite late.
- 6 I'd never heard the word "tsunami" before.
- 7 It had destroyed the little restaurant where we'd had dinner.

Learn Grammar

A Read and learn.

Learn Grammar Past Perfect

When you talk about something that happened in the past, you sometimes want to refer back to something that happened before that time. Use the past perfect to do this.

The night before the disaster, **we'd been** for a walk.



Action started in the past and finished at a moment in the past.

Affirmative: *had* + past participle

Negative: *hadn't* + past participle

Questions: *Had* + subject + past participle ... ?

The night before the disaster, we'd been for a walk.

I'd never heard the word "tsunami" before.

In speaking, you often use the short form: *had* = 'd.

Short Answers in the Past Perfect

Yes, + subject + *had*.

No, + subject + *hadn't*.

Had we been lucky? Yes, we had. / No, we hadn't.



B Circle the correct tense.

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 They had eaten in a small restaurant. | present perfect / past perfect |
| 2 We haven't been there. | present perfect / past perfect |
| 3 We didn't sleep well. | past perfect / simple past |
| 4 I'd wanted to go for three weeks. | present perfect / past perfect |

C Make the sentences negative.

- 1 We'd arranged our vacation through a travel agent.


- 2 I'd wanted to stay in a hotel.

- 3 We'd walked through the town.

- 4 We had eaten breakfast in the restaurant.

D Write questions in the past perfect to match the answers.

- 1 Where had your parents decided to go?
My parents had decided to go to Asia.
- 2 How long _____
We had chosen to spend two weeks there.
- 3 Where _____
I'd wanted to stay in a house on the beach.
- 4 What _____
My parents had booked a hotel on a hill.
- 5 Where _____
We had eaten in a little restaurant.
- 6 What _____
The wave had destroyed the buildings.

E Listen and read. Circle the correct verbs.  08

Klaus The weather ¹ **had been / has been** perfect. ² **We'd been / We were going** on a boat trip around the bay. ³ **We've taken / We'd taken** lots of photos and ⁴ **we had / we'd had** a nice meal on the boat. After the trip, we went back to the hotel. I remember everything was very calm.

Nico The night before the tsunami, ⁵ **we'd stayed / we were staying** in our hotel and ⁶ **we'd had / we were having** dinner on the balcony of our room. I remember it so well. We ⁷ **will go / had been** for a long walk, and after that ⁸ **we have gone / we had gone** back to the hotel to change. Then we went to see a show.

F Read Tania's story on page 26 again. Answer the questions. Write full sentences.

- 1 Had Tania's family decided to go on vacation somewhere cold or somewhere warm?
They had decided to go somewhere warm.
- 2 Had they looked at lots of places on the Internet?

- 3 Had Tania wanted to stay in a hotel on the beach?

- 4 Had they spent the evening in the hotel on the night before the disaster?

- 5 Had they eaten in the hotel restaurant?

- 6 Had Tania gotten up early on the day of the tsunami?

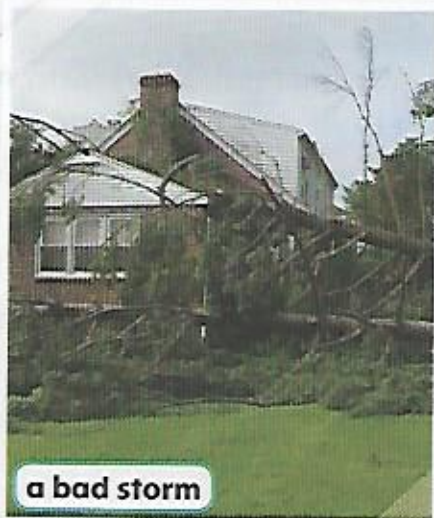
- 7 Had Tania heard the word "tsunami" before?

G Read Tania's story on page 26 again. What happened before? Circle the correct answers.

- 1 They arrived at the airport. They had already ...
a been to the beach. b checked into their hotel. c printed out their tickets.
- 2 They got on the plane. They had already ...
a seen their seat numbers. b flown to Thailand. c arrived on vacation.
- 3 They arrived in Thailand. They had already ...
a booked their hotel. b been to the beach. c seen the tsunami.
- 4 Tania went into her hotel room. Someone had ...
a slept there. b cleaned it. c eaten there.
- 5 They were tired when they went to bed. They'd ...
a gone for a walk. b chosen their hotel. c slept.
- 6 After breakfast, they saw all of the damage. The tsunami had ...
a been on a hill. b damaged a volcano. c destroyed buildings.

Let's Write!

H Write a story about what you had done the day or night before something terrible or wonderful happened. Use these ideas or your own.



Starting my new school

I remember it so well. I had been so nervous the night before I went to my new school. I had listened to some music in my room, and then I had watched some TV, and after that, I had chatted online with a friend from my old school ...