

# LESSON 71

## 375 Past perfect

## I had eaten

The past perfect communicates the same idea as the present perfect except that, instead of thinking about time before and up to now, we are thinking about time before and up to a specific point in the past. For example, with the present perfect, we can say "Mary cannot enter her flat because she has lost her key". With the past perfect, we can say "Mary could not enter her flat yesterday because she had lost her key".

When do we use the present perfect? We use the present perfect when we are thinking about time before and up to now

Give me an example. Mary cannot enter her flat because she has lost her key

What does that sentence mean? That sentence means that Mary does not know where her key is now because of losing it earlier today

When do we use the past perfect? We use the past perfect when we are thinking about time before and up to another point in the past

Give me an example. Mary could not enter her flat yesterday because she had lost her key

What does that sentence mean? That sentence means that Mary did not know where her key was yesterday because of losing it earlier in the day

## 376 What's the difference between these two sentences?

"I ate my dinner at 9 o'clock"

and

"I had eaten my dinner at 9 o'clock"

The difference between these two sentences is that "I ate my dinner at 9 o'clock" means I started to eat my dinner at 9 o'clock, whereas "I had eaten my dinner at 9 o'clock" means that my dinner was already finished at 9 o'clock

Had you had anything to eat before you came to school today?

Yes, I had had something ... before I came ...  
~ No, I hadn't had anything ... before I came ...

Had you ever seen me before you came to this school?

Yes, I had seen you before I came ...  
~ No, I had never seen you before I came ...

When you began your lessons at this school, had you already studied some English or were you a complete beginner?

When I began my lessons ..., I had already ...  
~ When I began my lessons ..., I hadn't studied any English; I was a complete beginner

## party

## political

What does the word "party" mean?

The word "party" means ...

Do you ever throw (have) a party at home on your birthday?

Yes, I sometimes ... on my birthday  
~ No, I never ... on my birthday

Which is the strongest political party in your country today?

The ... party is the ... in my country today

Do you prefer to go on holiday with a friend or in a large party?

I prefer to go on ...

377 **mad**

**crazy**

**UFO**

**The word "mad" has three common meanings: angry, very interested, and crazy.**

What does the word "mad" mean?

The word "mad" means angry, very interested, and crazy

Do some people get mad when they're driving in very heavy traffic?

Yes, some people ...

What kind of things are you most mad about?

I'm most mad about music, films, sport etc.

If a friend told you they had seen a UFO, would you believe them or think they were going mad?

If a friend told me ..., I'd ...

## copy

What happens if one pupil copies from another during an exam?

If one pupil ..., he's sent out of the room

When you answer a question during a Callan lesson, should you simply copy what the teacher says?

No, when I answer ..., I shouldn't simply...,  
I should try to answer the question without  
waiting to hear the words from the teacher first

If you were given two copies of the same book for your birthday, what would you do?

If I were given ... for  
my birthday, I'd ...

## 378 influence

Does the weather have a strong influence over you? Do you, for example, feel happy in good weather and unhappy in bad weather?

Yes, the weather ... over me  
~ No, the weather ... over me

## mouse

## mice

What is the name of the famous mouse in the cinema world?

The name of ... is Mickey Mouse

What do mice like eating?

Mice like eating cheese etc.

## throat

What part of the body's this?

It's the throat

## opportunity

Which would you prefer: a job that gave you the opportunity to visit other countries, or a job that gave you the opportunity to earn a lot?

I'd prefer a job that  
gave me the opportunity to ...

**develop**

**industry**

**agriculture**

What do we mean by the under-developed countries of the world?

By the under developed ..., we mean those with little industry, agriculture etc.

379 **print**

Where was this book printed?

This book was printed in ...

**sand**

**beach**

**desert**

Where do we find sand?

We find sand on a beach, in a desert etc.

When you're on holiday, do you enjoy lying on a beach in the sun?

Yes, when I'm ..., I enjoy ...

~ No, when I'm ..., I don't enjoy ...

Why is it difficult to live in a desert?

It's difficult ...  
because there is so little water

**bell**

**knock**

**pay a visit**

**ring**

What am I doing?

You're knocking on the table

Is there a bell in this school?

Yes, there's a bell ...

~ No, there isn't a bell ...

What do you do when you arrive at somebody's front door in order to pay a visit?

When I arrive at ..., I knock on the door or ring the doorbell

**shout**

When do people shout?

People shout when they're angry or when they think somebody can't hear them

If there were some people shouting loudly outside in the corridor, would you be able to hear me?

No, if there were ..., I wouldn't be able to hear you

Do some people use walking sticks to help them move around when they get older? Yes, some people ...

Which animals like to fetch sticks that you throw for them?

Dogs like to fetch ...

### Would prefer + infinitive with "to"

Where would you prefer to live: by a lake or by the sea?

I'd prefer to live by ...

This evening, would you prefer to go out for dinner or simply go home?

This evening, I'd prefer to ...

### exclamation mark



Dictation 44

Keep off the grass! They've gone away for the day and will return late this evening; at least, that's what they said before leaving. The average age for getting married is between twenty and thirty. Among all the subjects I studied at school, I found science the most interesting, not the most boring. Birds cannot fly faster than planes. The soldiers carried the sticks into the field in order to make a fire.