

Elearning 3H: vendredi le 29 avril

Today you are going to learn about two tenses that are commonly seen in le Petit Nicolas.

This year we have learned several simple tenses:

- le présent (to talk about what we do in general or what is happening right now)
- l'imparfait-for DESCRIPTIONS in the past
- le futur simple – WILL
- le conditionnel-COULD/WOULD
- le subjonctif-after WONDER expressions

These tenses are all simple, ONE WORD.

We have also learned the passé composé which is TWO WORDS:

avoir OR être + a past participle (-e, -i, -is, -it, -u, -uit....)

Because Nicolas is telling stories that have already happened, he also uses le plus-que-parfait and le conditionnel passé.

Look at these examples of the plus-que-parfait. What do you notice?

Papa avait été champion terrible de football. Papa had been an amazing football star.

Celui qui avait parlé, c'était M Blédurt. The one who had spoken was M Bledurt.

Il m'a dit qu'il lui était arrive. He told me that it had happened to him.

To form the plus-que parfait, use the imparfait form of avoir/être and the same past participles for the passé composé. Use the plus-que-parfait to describe things that HAD happened or what someone HAD done.

Now, look at these examples of the **conditionnel passé**. What do you notice?

Mais moi, j'**aurais préféré** mon vélo. I **would have preferred** my bike.
Je **serais passé** passé comme professionnel si je n'avais pas connu ma femme.
I **would have become** a pro if I hadn't met my wife.

To form the **plus-que-parfait**, use the **conditionnel form** of avoir/être and the same past participles for the passé composé. Use the plus-que-parfait to describe things that **COULD HAVE/WOULD HAVE** happened or what someone **COULD HAVE/WOULD HAVE** done.

These two tenses are often used together in IF (si) clauses to express what **WOULD HAVE HAPPENED** IF certain past conditions **HAD BEEN MET**.

PRATIQUE-Complete with a logical verb in either the **plus-que-parfait** or the **conditionnel passé**.

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1. Si j'avais connu la réponse de mon électricien, j'_____ un autre.
2. Si ils _____ leurs devoirs, ils auraient pu sortir.
3. Si on _____ plus tôt, on aurait pu profiter du coucher de soleil.
4. Ils auraient fini leur travail s'ils _____ plus tôt.
5. Si la maîtresse avait su que c'était moi qui ai parlé, j'_____ puni.
6. Si vous m'aviez téléphoné, je vous _____ avec ton problème.

