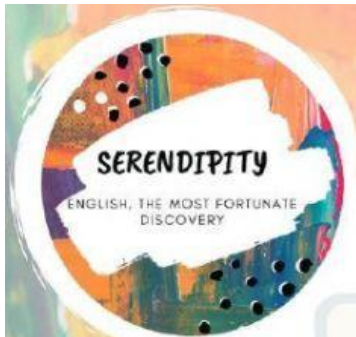




Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!

Strange but true



1 READING & SPEAKING

a Read the stories and look at the pictures. Complete the gaps with one of the sentences below. Tick the correct sentence.

AUSTRALIA

- 1 The shark had already attacked three people.
- 2 A large wave had carried the shark into the pool during the night.

ENGLAND

- 3 Unfortunately, the dog had bitten one of her friends.
- 4 The dog had run away and had gone to the local railway station.

ITALY

- 5 He had decided that he couldn't live with his mother and father for another day.
- 6 He had robbed a bank the night before.

SWEDEN

- 7 The woman had got confused at the check-in desk.
- 8 The woman had left her passport at home.

Read the text.

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News round the world

Here is our selection of last week's true stories...

Australia

In Sydney, early in the morning, some swimmers were having a swim in an outdoor swimming pool which was very close to the sea. The swimmers were very surprised when suddenly the pool assistants started shouting 'Get out of the water! Quickly!' The swimmers immediately got out. Then they realized that there was a shark at the other end! Fortunately none of the swimmers were hurt and the shark was caught in a net and put back into the sea.



England

Security guards at Stansted airport were amazed when they saw a dog getting off a train and walking on its own towards the airport terminal. They caught the dog and took it to the police. Thanks to a microchip in its neck, they discovered that its name was Diesel and that it belonged to a woman called Sarah Chapman, who lived in London, 50 kilometres away. Sarah had gone on holiday for a few days and had left Diesel with some friends. It had then got on a train and had travelled 50 kilometres to Stansted airport, changing trains on the way. Sarah said: 'I'm sure Diesel went to the airport to look for me!'



Italy

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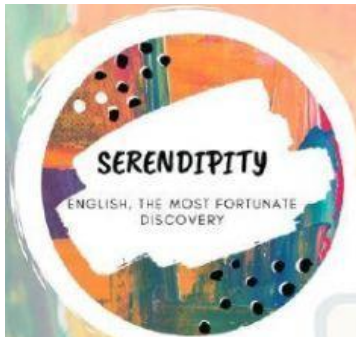
An Italian man who was in prison for stealing was freed early from prison on the condition that he promised to live with his parents at their house. But after a week he arrived at his local police station and said 'Please arrest me again! _____ Guido Beneventi, 30, told the police: 'My parents spent all their time telling me to do housework. It was like being a child again!'



Sweden

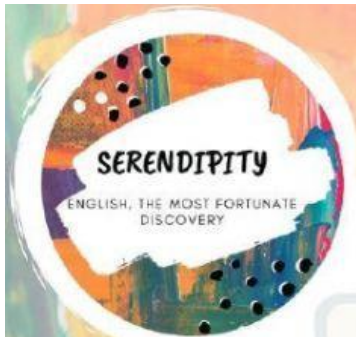
Airport workers in the luggage area at Arlanda airport in Sweden were surprised to see an old lady sitting on the luggage belt next to her suitcase. _____ She had put her luggage on the belt and then had sat down on the belt herself. A spokesman at Stockholm's Arlanda airport said 'Unfortunately, she did not understand when she was given check-in instructions. She got on the belt together with her bag. Luckily, it wasn't a long ride – only a few metres.'





b Match verbs 1- 10 with phrases A – J

1 get into / out of	A on the belt
2 get on / off	B a swim
3 free somebody	C holiday
4 realize	D in prison
5 put the luggage	E from prison
6 go on	F a train
7 have	G a woman
8 leave the dog	H the swimming pool
9 be	I with friends
10 belong to	J that there was a shark in the pool



2 GRAMMAR: past perfect

a Look at these **highlighted** verbs from the Australia story. Answer the question.

A Then they **realized** that there was a shark at the other end!

B A large wave **had carried** the shark into the pool during the night.

1 Which action happened first, A or B?

2 What are the two parts of the verb in sentence B?

b Look at the other three stories again (including the missing sentences) and look for examples of **had + past participle**. Did these actions happen **before** or **after** the main part of the story?

c Complete the following sentences in your own words. Use the past perfect.

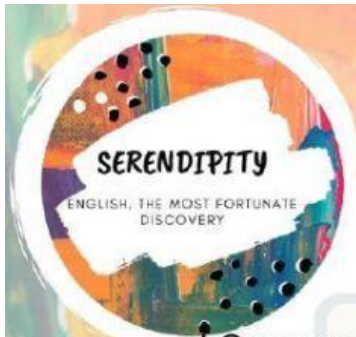
1 When I got to the check-in desk I suddenly realized that ...

2 When we arrived back from our holiday we found that ...

3 When the film started I realized immediately that ...

4 I couldn't answer any of the exam questions because I ...

5 We spent 20 minutes in the car park looking for the car because we couldn't remember...



d Compare with a partner. Are your sentences the same or different?

e Work with a partner. **A** re-read the story about Australia, **B** re-read the story about Italy. Look for the key words and events. Then A, re-tell the story in your own words. B help A when necessary. Then swap.

Past Perfect

- +** When I woke up the garden was all white. It **had snowed** during the night.
I suddenly realized that I'd **left** my mobile in the taxi.
- We got home just in time – the match **hadn't started**.
When she got to class, she realized that she **hadn't brought** her book.
- ?** **A** I went to Paris last weekend. I really loved it.
B Had you **been** there before?
A No, I **hadn't**.

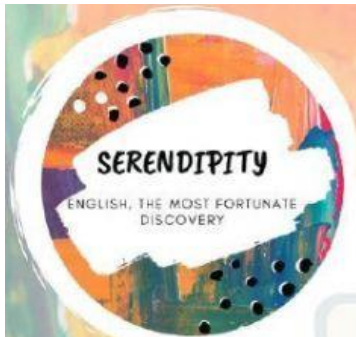
- Use the past perfect when you are already talking about the past and want to talk about an earlier past action.
*When I woke up the garden was all white. It **had snowed** during the night.*
= It snowed before I woke up.
- Make the past perfect with *had / hadn't* + past participle.
- The form of the past perfect is the same for all persons.
- *had* is sometimes contracted to *'d*.

! *had* or *would*?

Be careful: *'d* can be *had* or *would*.

I didn't know that you'd found a new job. ('d = had)

If you went by taxi, you'd get there more quickly. ('d = would)



3 PRONUNCIATION: contractions had / hadn't

Contractions: past perfect

In conversation we often contract had in the past perfect after a subject pronoun (I, you, etc.);

e.g. When I got to the airport I realized that I'd forgotten my passport.

I suddenly remembered that we **hadn't** told Sue about the party.

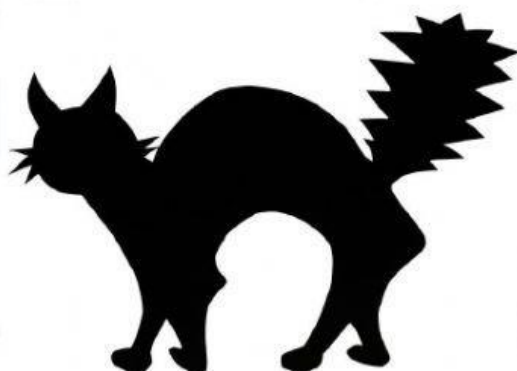
a Listen and write six past perfect sentences. Then practise saying the sentences. 5.18

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4 LISTENING

a Listen to another news story. Then number the events in order.

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- ☐ Joey attacked her.
- ☐ Joey sat on her plate.
- ☐ Joey went to sleep.
- ☐ Katie came home from work.
- ☐ Katie met her neighbour.

b With a partner, try to guess what you think had happened.

c Now listen and find out what had happened. Had anybody guessed right? 5.20