

1. Read the text and choose the correct verbs:

At one time, he **had been/was** a successful businessman living a life of great luxury. Then he **had/had been** a paragliding accident and lost the use of his arms and legs. Life in a wheelchair **was/had been** lonely and boring.

In the end Abdel worked for Philippe for ten years. Over the years they **have learned / learned** to enjoy each other's music. All that really matters to their friendship though, is that they **have always loved / always loved** laughter and adventure.

2. Read and answer the questions:

At one time, he had been a successful businessman living a life of great luxury. Then he had a paragliding accident and lost the use of his arms and legs.

Over the years they have learned to enjoy each other's music. All that really matters to their friendship though, is that they have always loved laughter and adventure.

- a. Was Philippe a successful businessman, before or after the paragliding accident? before/after
- b. Do they still love laughter and adventure? yes/no

3. Past perfect and past simple

- At one time, he **had been** a successful businessman living a life of great luxury. Then he **had** a paragliding accident and lost the use of his arms and legs.



- What tense do we use to talk about a specific point in the past? past simple / past perfect
- What tense do we use to talk about something that happened before this specific point in the past? past perfect / past simple

4. Complete the form:

- He **had been** a successful businessman (+)
- He **hadn't been** a successful businessman (-)
- had he been** a successful businessman? (?)

Affirmative: Subject + have/had + past participle

Negative: Subject + hadn't / haven't + past participle

Question: had + subject + past participle / past