



Lesson 3 - He Said - She Said

Anna: Today, Pete and I are meeting with a **consultant** who will help us with our new show. Yesterday, Pete had **promised** to meet me here at 8:00 am. but he did not come on time.

Prof Bot: Uh-oh. It's bad to be late for a business meeting. But while we wait for Pete, let's talk about a new verb tense -- past perfect! You know the past tense, right? Like, "Pete promised to meet me here at 8:00 a.m." Past perfect is a little different. When we talk about *two* things in the past, we can use the past perfect for the first event. Put "had" before the past participle. "Pete *had* promised he would meet Anna." Here's your assignment: find sentences with the past perfect tense. Remember, look for "had!"

Kelly: You two are late -- **exactly** 43 minutes late! What happened?

Anna: He had to get his "special" coffee -- **SPECIAL** coffee!

Pete: She had to feed her birds -- **HER** birds!

Kelly: Okay, I can see already that you need my help. You can't both talk at the same time. You have to take turns.

Alright, Anna, you go first.



Anna: Sure. Kelly, see, Pete and I live in the same building. So, we decided to meet at 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. to come to work together. I had waited 15 minutes when Pete arrived!

Anna: After Pete had **wasted** time waiting for coffee, we were late. I left you a message.*

Kelly: Hum. I didn't get that message.

Anna: Oh. Sorry.



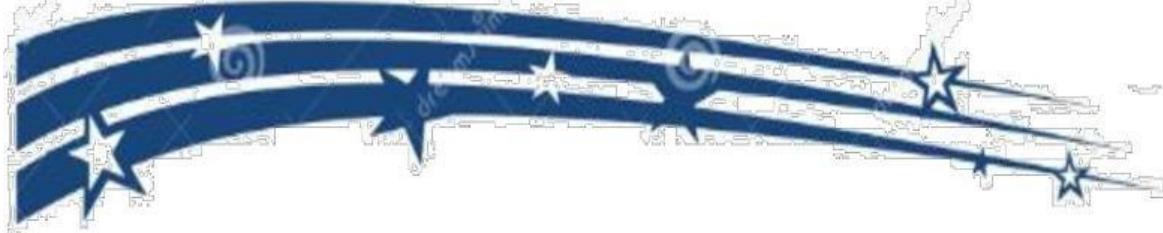
Kelly: Pete?

Prof. Bot: Anna left a message. That's the right thing to do. Did you find some examples of the past perfect sentences? I did. Anna said,

Anna: "After Pete had wasted time waiting for coffee, we were late.

Look at that coffee! It looks more like dessert! Okay, keep watching for past perfect!

Pete: Yeah, that's not why we're late. This is why we're late: I had arrived on time at 8:00 a.m. but didn't see Anna. She was standing behind a tree. I think she was **hugging** it. I always walk to work. But she said that would take too long and that a **scooter** would be much faster. It was awful. I hated it. And it added too much time to our **commute**!



Then Anna stopped by a **pond** to feed the birds. She had named them after characters from books and yelled the names out loud ... Romeo! Juliet! Sherlock!

By the time she had fed all the birds, we were late.

Kelly: This is what I think. You two see the same **event** very differently. Does this happen often with you two?

Pete: Yes.

Anna: No.

Pete: No.

Anna: Yes.



Kelly: Okay. This is good. This is good! It's good to see things differently. I have an idea: we will call the show "**He Said, She Said.**" For every story, you tell a different **point of view**.

Anna: That is a great idea, Kelly! Pete, we *are* different. That's why I thought of you for this job!

Kelly: I think you two understand perfectly.