

- 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.
- One afternoon, Philippe (was feeling / felt) particularly depressed, he and his family (were interviewing / interviewed) people for the job of nurse, but nobody seemed to be the right candidate. All of a sudden, someone was (knocking / knocked) on the door...

II. Past perfect, past continuous, 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.
- One afternoon, Philippe was feeling particularly depressed, he and his family were interviewing people for the job of nurse, but nobody seemed to be the right candidate. All of a sudden, someone knocked on the door...

1. Was Philippe a successful businessman, before or after the paragliding accident?
before/after
2. He felt depressed for a long time yes / no
3. They were interviewing people when someone interrupted and knocked on the door
true / false

III. 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.
- He and his family **were interviewing** people for the job of nurse, but nobody seemed to be the right candidate. All of a sudden, someone **knocked** on the door...

1. What tense do we use to talk about a specific point in the past? **past simple / past perfect**
2. What tense do we use to talk about something that happened before this specific point in the past? **past perfect / past simple**
3. What tense do we use to talk about something that was in progress at the moment of speaking? **past simple / past continuous**

IV. Past perfect and past simple

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1. We form the past perfect with: Subject + **have / had + past / past participle**
2. We form the past continuous with: Subject + **was and were / only was + verb ing**
3. We form the past simple with: Subject + **regular verb + ed or irregular verb in past / only verb + ed**