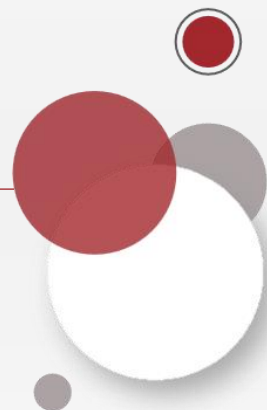




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Lesson 11

- A) Past Perfect
- B) Passive



A) Past Perfect

I/we/you/they/he/she/it 'd + verb p.p. 'd = had

Eg

They'd **seen** the film before. They **hadn't seen** the film before. **Had** they **seen** the film before?

He'd **played** tennis in high school. He **hadn't played** before.

Had he **played** before?



This tense is used when you are already talking about the past and want to talk about an earlier past action.

When I arrived at the cinema, she had already gone in.



Match the sentence halves.

Eg I couldn't get into my flat because D) I'd forgotten my keys.

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| 1) He took the shirt back because | A) to see what had happened. |
| 2) I turned on the TV | B) They had made other plans. |
| 3) Jane was nervous because | C) he had bought the wrong size. |
| 4) When the film started | D) she had never flown before. |
| 5) They didn't come with us. | E) I realized I'd already seen it. |



B) Passive



The passive is used to shift the focus from **who** to **what**.

Eg.

The janitor locks this door at 5:00 everyday. Emphasis on **who**,
i.e. The janitor

This door is locked at 5:00 everyday. Emphasis on **what**,
i.e. The door and time

Einstein discovered the theory of relativity. Emphasis on **who**,
i.e. Einstein.

The theory of relativity was discovered by Einstein. Emphasis is on **what**,
i.e. The theory



The passive is used in all tenses:

Active:

- 1) The crew clean the room everyday.
- 2) The crew cleaned the room yesterday.
- 3) The crew is cleaning the room at this moment.
- 4) The crew was cleaning the room a few hours ago.
- 5) The crew has already cleaned the room.
- 6) The crew had cleaned the room before they arrived.



Exercise: Write the below sentences in the passive.

- 1) The crew clean the room everyday.
- 2) The crew cleaned the room yesterday.
- 3) The crew is cleaning the room at this moment.
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- 5) The crew has already cleaned the room.
- 6) The crew had cleaned the room before they arrived.



Answers:

- 1) This room is cleaned everyday.
- 2) This room was cleaned yesterday.
- 3) This room is being cleaned at the moment.
- 4) This room was being cleaned a few hours ago.
- 5) This room has already been cleaned.
- 6) This room had been cleaned by the agency before they arrived.



will/can/must/should/have to

In the passive form these are followed by be + past participle

Eg

Active: Somebody will clean the room tomorrow.

Passive: The room will be cleaned tomorrow.

Active: They'll clean the room.

Passive: The room will be cleaned.



Exercise:

- 1) Active: They should clean the room.
Passive:
- 2) Active: They can't clean the room.
Passive:
- 3) Active: They have to clean the room.
Passive:
- 4) Active: They had to clean the room.
Passive:



Answers:

- 1) The room should be cleaned
- 2) The room can't be cleaned.
- 3) The room has to be cleaned.
- 4) The room had to be cleaned.



That is the end of lesson 11.

Next lesson: Reported Speech

