

12A Unbelievable!

G past perfect **V** time expressions **P** the letter i

Why was she so angry?

Because her husband had left her behind.

1 READING & VOCABULARY time expressions

- Look at the pictures and the headlines for three news stories. What do you think the stories are about?
- Read the stories and check. Match them to the headlines.

LEFT BEHIND



FALSE ALARM



IN THE MAIL



1 Last Sunday at about 2:00 a.m., police in Sydney, Australia, received several phone calls about shouting and loud noises that were coming from an apartment in a suburb of the city. The callers had heard a woman screaming, a man shouting "I'm going to kill you! You're dead!", and somebody throwing furniture.

A police car went to the apartment immediately. A man opened the door.

"Where's your wife?" the officer asked.

"I don't have one," the man replied.

"Where's your girlfriend?"

"I don't have one," the man replied again.

The officer told the man that his neighbors had heard shouting and screaming.

"Come on, what have you done to her?" the officer asked.

"It was a spider," the man replied. "A really big one."

"What about the woman who was screaming?"

"Yes, sorry, that was me," the man said. "I really, really hate spiders. I was trying to kill it."

The police looked around the apartment and confirmed that nobody was hurt. Except the spider.

2 A woman in West Sussex, England, got a big surprise yesterday when she opened a large box of DVDs that she had bought on eBay and a cat suddenly jumped out. The cat, named Cupcake, had gotten into the box eight days earlier, when her owner Julie Baggott was packing the box to send to her customer. Julie didn't notice that Cupcake had climbed into the box and fallen asleep.

Julie's customer called the RSPCA, who took the cat and brought it to a vet. Dr. Ben Colwell, who treated Cupcake, said that she was very frightened and very thirsty – the cat had survived the 260-mile trip with no food or water. Luckily, Cupcake had a microchip in her neck, so the vet found Julie's information and called her.

Julie had been very sad about losing her cat. She had put up posters and looked for Cupcake for days. "I feel terrible," said Julie. "I put the DVDs in the box and I closed it right away, so I don't know how she got in there. It was a miracle she was alive."

3 An Argentinian family was driving home after a vacation in Brazil when the husband, Walter, made an unfortunate mistake. He stopped at a gas station, filled up the car with gas, and used the restroom. But when he drove off, he didn't notice that his wife Claudia wasn't in the car.

Claudia had been asleep in the back seat. While her husband was in the restroom, she woke up and went into the store to buy some cookies, but when she came back outside she found that her husband had left without her. The couple's 14-year-old son didn't notice that his mother wasn't there because he was playing on his phone in the front seat.

Walter only realized his wife wasn't in the car after he'd driven 60 miles. Meanwhile, Claudia tried to call him, but she couldn't get a signal, so she asked the gas station manager for help. He contacted the local police, who took her to the police station.

Her husband eventually returned to pick her up two hours later. When he arrived, Claudia was so angry that all she could do was scream and kick the car.

Glossary

RSPCA Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

- c Read the stories again. For each story, put the events in the order that they happened.

Story 1

- ☐ The police arrived at the apartment.
- ☐ 1 The neighbors heard someone screaming.
- ☐ The man explained what had happened.
- ☐ The man killed the spider.

Story 2

- ☐ Julie put up posters.
- ☐ Julie lost her cat.
- ☐ The vet contacted Julie.
- ☐ The cat jumped out of the box.

Story 3

- ☐ Walter got back into the car and drove off.
- ☐ Walter realized what had happened.
- ☐ Claudia went into the store.
- ☐ Walter used the restroom.

- d Look back at the stories and complete the sentences with time expressions.

- 1 A police car went to the apartment _____.
- 2 A cat _____ jumped out.
- 3 I put the DVDs in the box and I closed it _____.
- 4 _____, Claudia tried to call him.
- 5 Her husband _____ returned two hours later.

- e Match the time expressions in d to their meaning.

- 1 quickly and unexpectedly _____
- 2 after a long time _____
- 3 while something else was happening _____
- 4 without delay _____

2 GRAMMAR past perfect

- a Look at a sentence from one of the stories. Which action happened first? Number the sentences 1 and 2.

Walter only realized his wife wasn't in the car after he'd driven 60 miles.

- ☐ Walter realized his wife wasn't in the car.
- ☐ Walter drove 60 miles.

- b What do you think 'd is a contraction of? What form of the verb is *driven*?

- c Underline two more examples of the past perfect in each story.

- d **G p.148 Grammar Bank 12A**

- e Complete the sentences in your own words. Use the past perfect.

- 1 When I got to the airport, I suddenly realized that...
- 2 When we arrived home from our vacation, we found that...
- 3 When the movie started, I immediately realized that...
- 4 I couldn't answer any of the exam questions because I...
- 5 We spent 20 minutes in the parking lot looking for the car because we couldn't remember...

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

- g **G Communication** What had happened? **A p.106 B p.112**
Try to guess your partner's sentences.



3 PRONUNCIATION the letter i

The letter i

The letter *i* is usually pronounced /aɪ/ before a consonant + e, e.g., *drive* and is pronounced /ɪ/ between two consonants if there is no e, e.g., *mistake*.

- a Put the words from the stories in the correct row.

alive arrive driven kill miracle notice outside signal
spider surprise survive while wife

	fish		bike
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- b **12.2** Listen and check. Practice saying the words. Which two words in the /ɪ/ column don't follow the rules?

4 SPEAKING

- a Look at the pictures from two more newspaper stories. What do you think the stories are about?



- b **G Communication** Two more stories **A p.107 B p.112**
Read your story and tell it to your partner.

- c Which of the stories in this lesson do you find the most unbelievable? Have there been any funny or unusual stories in the news recently? What happened?

12A past perfect

- ⊕ When I woke up, the yard was all white. It **had snowed** during the night. I suddenly realized that I'd left my cell phone in the taxi. 🔊 12.1
- ⊖ We got home just in time – the game **hadn't started**. When she got to class, she realized that she **hadn't brought** her book.
- ? A I went to New York City last weekend. I really loved it.
B **Had** you **been** there before?
A No, I **hadn't**.

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

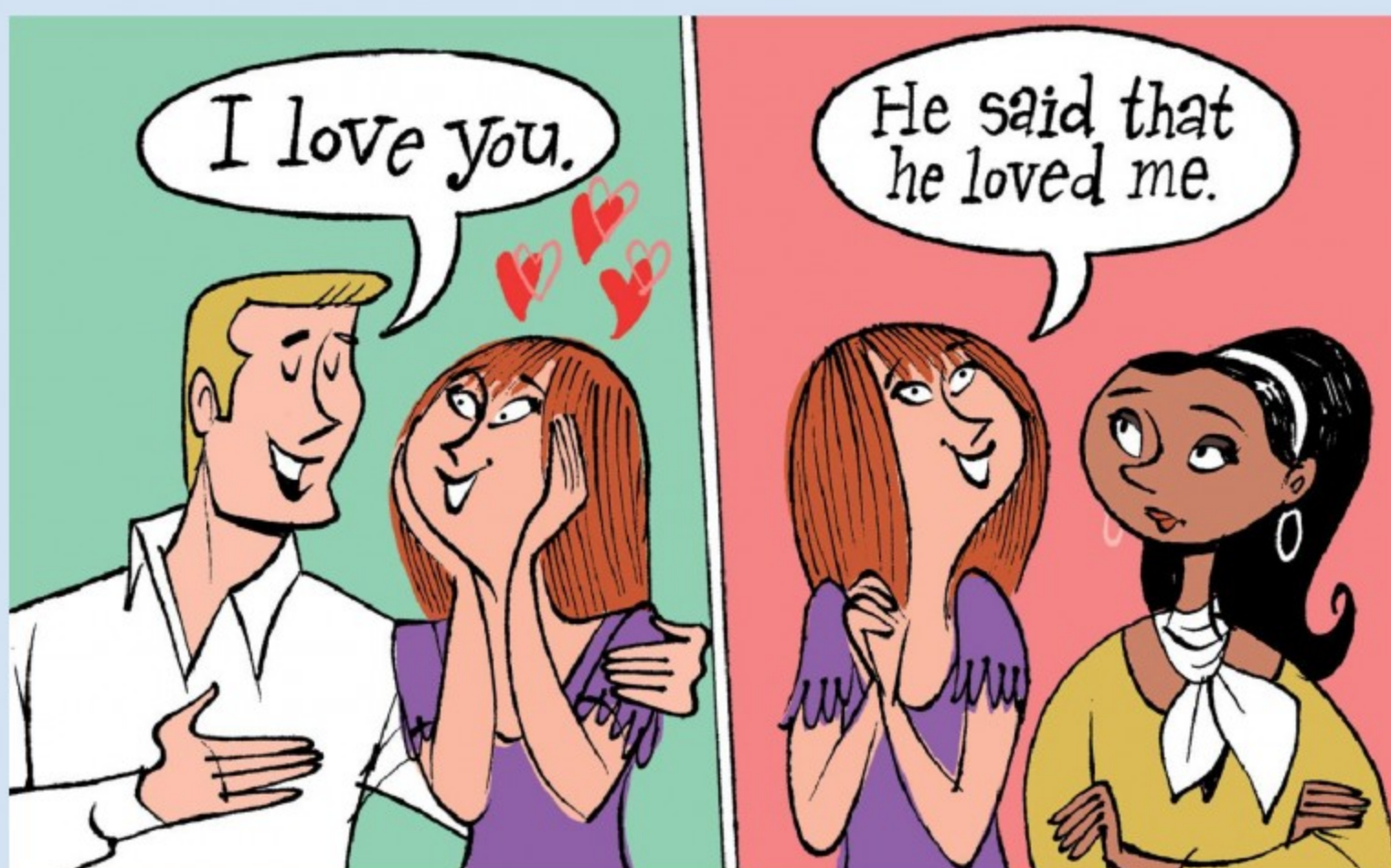
🔍 **had or would?**

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 much quicker. ('d = would)

12B reported (or indirect) speech



- Pronouns often change in reported speech, e.g., *I* changes to *he* or *she*.
"I'm tired." **She** told me (that) she was tired.
- Verb tenses change like this:

direct speech	reported speech
"I can help you." (simple present)	He said (that) he could help me. (simple past)
"I'm driving ." (present continuous)	She said (that) she was driving . (past continuous)
"I'll call you." (will)	He told me (that) he would call me. (would)
"I met a girl at a party." (simple past)	John told me (that) he had met a girl at a party. (past perfect)
"I've broken my arm." (present perfect)	Sara said (that) she had broken her arm. (past perfect)

direct speech

- "I **love** you."
"I've **just arrived**."
"We'll **come** at eight."
"I **don't want** to go to the party."

reported speech

- He said (that) **he loved** me.
She said (that) **she had just arrived**.
He told me (that) **they would come** at eight.
Jack told Anna (that) **he didn't want** to go to the party.

🔊 12.5

- We use reported speech to tell somebody what another person said.
- We often introduce reported speech with *said* or *told* (+ person).
- After *said* or *told* **that** is optional, e.g., *He said (that) he loved me.*

🔍 **say or tell?**

We use *say* or *tell* in reported speech. They mean the same thing, but they are used differently.

We use *say* without an object or pronoun.

*He **said** (that) he loved me.*

NOT ~~*He said me (that) he loved me.*~~

We use *tell* with an object or pronoun.

*He **told me** (that) he loved me*

NOT ~~*He told (that) he loved me.*~~

12C questions without auxiliaries

subject	verb	
Who	Painted	<i>The Milkmaid?</i>
Which city	has	<i>the most honest people?</i>
How many people	live	<i>near the school?</i>
Who	wants	<i>a cup of coffee?</i>

🔊 12.9

- When the question word (*Who?*, *What?*, *Which?*, *How many?*, etc.) is the subject of the verb in the question, we don't use an auxiliary verb (*do / does / did*).
***Who painted** The Milkmaid?* **NOT** ~~*Who did paint...?*~~
- In most other questions in the present and simple past, we use the auxiliary verb *do / does / did* + the base form.
***What music do** you like?* **NOT** ~~*What music you like?*~~
- See 1A p.126.

12A

a Match the sentence halves.

I couldn't get into my house because **C**

- 1 When our friends arrived, **A**
- 2 I took the jacket back to the store because **B**
- 3 Jill didn't come with us because **F**
- 4 I turned on the TV news **E**
- 5 He was nervous because **G**
- 6 When I got to the supermarket checkout, **D**

- A she'd made other plans.
 B I realized that I'd left my wallet at home.
 C I'd lost my keys.
 D I'd bought the wrong size.
 E it was the first time he'd flown.
 F to see what had happened.
 G we hadn't finished cooking the dinner.

b Complete the sentences. Put the verbs in the simple past or past perfect.

We didn't get a table in the restaurant because we hadn't made a reservation. (not get, not make)

- 1 Caroline _____ a lot, and I _____ her. (change, not recognize)
- 2 My friend _____ to tell me that I _____ my coat in his car. (call, leave)
- 3 When I _____ the radio, the news _____. (turn on, already finish)
- 4 She _____ me the DVD because she _____ it yet. (not lend, not watch)
- 5 The store _____ by the time we _____. (close, arrive)
- 6 When we _____ home, we saw that somebody _____ the kitchen window. (get, break)
- 7 When we _____ in the morning, we _____ that it _____ during the night. (get up, see, snow)

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12B

a Write the sentences in reported speech.

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| "I love you." | He told her that he <u>loved her</u> . |
| 1 "I'm hungry." | Ana said that she _____. |
| 2 "I'll call the doctor." | He said he _____. |
| 3 "I've bought a new phone." | Paul told us that he _____. |
| 4 "I live downtown." | She said that she _____. |
| 5 "We can't do it!" | They said that they _____. |
| 6 "I saw a great movie at the movie theater." | Julie said that she _____. |
| 7 "I don't like dogs." | Ben told her he _____. |



b Write the sentences in direct speech.

- He told her that he was a doctor.
 He said: "I'm a doctor."
- 1 She said that she was studying Japanese.
 She said: "_____."
 - 2 Tony told me that his car had broken down.
 Tony said: "_____."
 - 3 Yoshi said that he would send me an email.
 Yoshi said: "_____."
 - 4 Bella and Eberto said they were in a hurry.
 Bella and Eberto said: "_____."
 - 5 He said he hadn't finished his essay yet.
 He said: "_____."
 - 6 She told us that she wouldn't arrive on time.
 She said: "_____."
 - 7 David said he had just arrived in Lima.
 David said: "_____."

← p.96

12C

a Circle the correct question form.

What you did / did you do last night?

- 1 What happened / did happen to you?
- 2 What means this word / does this word mean?
- 3 How many people came / did come to the meeting?
- 4 Which bus goes / does go to town?
- 5 Which movie won / did win the most Academy Awards this year?
- 6 What said the teacher / did the teacher say?
- 7 Who made / did make this cake? It's delicious!

b Write the questions. Do you know the answers?

How many Formula 1 championships did Michael Schumacher win? (Michael Schumacher / win)

- 1 When _____ president of the US? (Barack Obama / become)
- 2 Which US state _____ with the letter "H"? (start)
- 3 Which books _____? (George R.R. Martin / write)
- 4 Who _____ the soccer World Cup in Russia in 2018? (win)
- 5 Which sport _____ the lightest ball? (use)
- 6 Where _____? (the 2016 Olympics / take place)
- 7 Which company _____? (Steve Jobs / start)

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