



# SMART JUNIORS 2

How to Become an Internet Superstar

**Lesson 11**  
**Grammar Station (1)**



# GRAMMAR LEAD-IN



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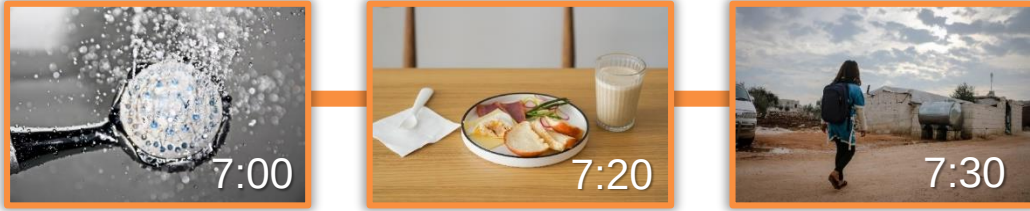
reaches

had reached

1. One of her videos \_\_\_\_\_ a million views.
2. Just a week ago, she \_\_\_\_\_ 99, 000 views before reaching 1 million.

## Past Simple

verb + -ed or irregular

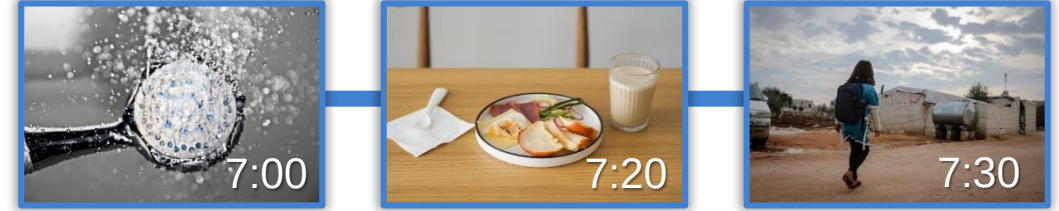


I **took** a shower at 7:00 and **finished** eating breakfast at 7:20.

(In the past, I finished taking a shower and eating breakfast.)

## Past Perfect

had + past participle



Before I left for school, I **had taken** a shower and **had eaten** breakfast.

(Before going to school, I had already completed showering and eating breakfast.)

 **Have a try!** Choose the correct verb tense.

1. Before the concert started, he (**bought, had bought**) snacks.
2. Last week, my family and I (**visited, had visited**) the museum.
3. Before he left, she (**cleaned, had cleaned**) the entire house.



## Past Simple

past events (at the same time)

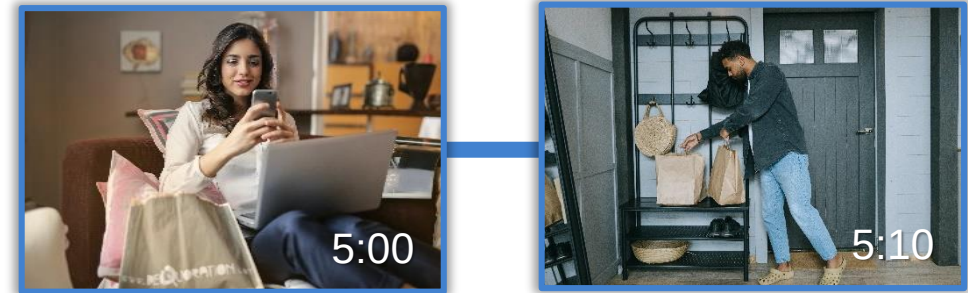


**When I arrived, she **stopped** her work.**  
(I arrived and she stopped working at that time.)

## Past Perfect

earlier

past event



**When I arrived, she **had finished** her work.**  
(She finished work then later I arrived.)

 **Have a try!** Complete the sentences using the given hints.

1. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (**write**) the report, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**send**) the email afterward. (past tense)
2. When we \_\_\_\_\_ (**reach**) the beach, the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (**go**) down. (past perfect)
3. It was the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) it when I \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) the movie last night. (past perfect)

## Acronyms

Acronyms can help us remember a detail or information easily.

**P**<sub>ast</sub> — Point in the past

**S**<sub>imple</sub> — Single event(s)

**P**<sub>ast</sub> — Past  
before  
**P**<sub>erfect</sub> — Past



## Have a try!


Clap once if the sentence is **PS** and twice if it is **PP**.

1. She finished her homework and then watched her favorite TV show.
2. Everyone had already eaten pizza when I arrived at the party.
3. I visited my grandparents last summer.
4. Before the concert, they had practiced their dance routine backstage for hours.



# PRACTICE TIME

- Answer the following interview cards using the correct tenses.

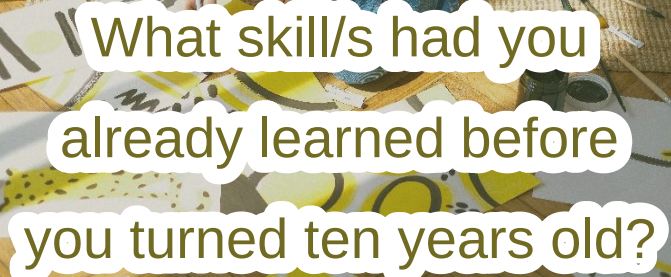


What had you already done by the time you left home today?

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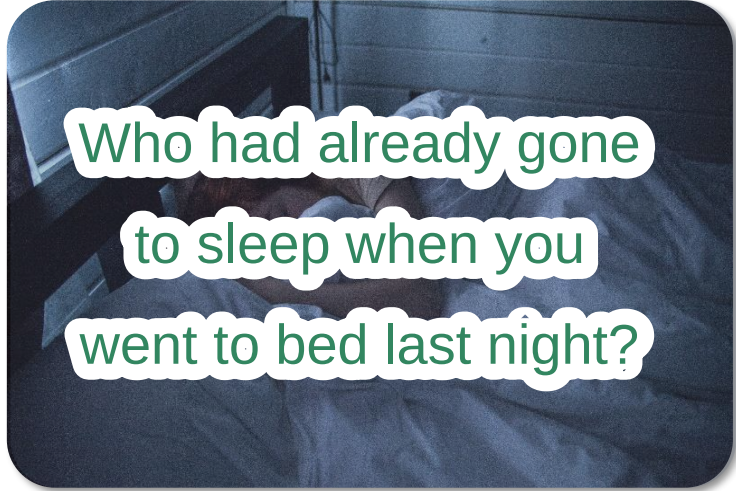


What skill/s had you already learned before you turned ten years old?

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Who had already gone to sleep when you went to bed last night?

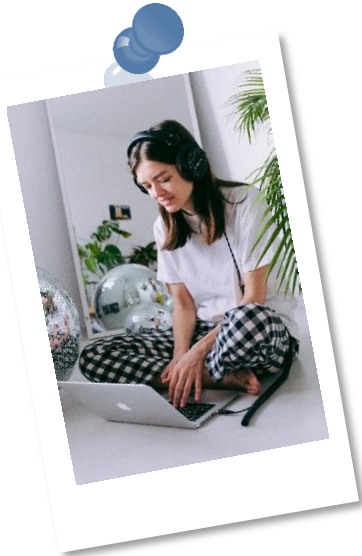
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# PRACTICE TIME

- Look at the pictures and tell the story using the proper tense with the given hints.



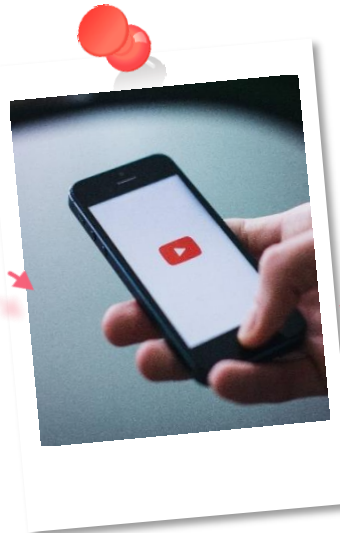
start; make videos in 2005

PS



videos struggle to get views; at first;

PP



upload videos regularly; slow growth

PS

PP



team up with popular YouTubers

PS



achieve a million views; successful in 2007!

PP

## Used to

The phrase “used to” expresses that things in the past are not true anymore.

past



now



I used to make daily blogs.

I am a teacher.

**!** There is **NO present tense of used to.**

meet

- I ~~used to meet~~ my friends every day.

talks

- He always ~~used to talk~~ to his mom online.

 **Have a try!**

Change the sentences using “used to”.

1. I worked in a hospital.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Jane was a sales clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. David sang in the band.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. My dad was in the army.

\_\_\_\_\_





- Choose the correct words to complete the passage.

## From Dreamer to Internet Sensation

Ella **(dreamed, had dreamed)** of becoming an internet superstar. She **(used to spend, use to spend)** hours recording videos and sharing them on social media. At first, only a few people **(watched, had watched)** her content, but she **(kept, had kept)** pushing forward. One day, one of her videos **(went, had gone)** viral, and overnight, her follower count **(exploded, had exploded)**. She couldn't believe how quickly everything **(changed, had changed)**.





## Past Simple

**to talk about something that happened  
in the past and is already finished**

**verb + -ed or irregular**

She **wrote** a story yesterday.  
(She finished writing the story.)

When he **arrived**, she **opened** the door.  
(He arrived and she opened the door.)


## Past Perfect

**to talk about something that happened  
before another action or event in the past**

**had + past participle**

Before I **arrived**, she **had written** the story.  
(She finished writing then later I arrived.)

When he **arrived**, she **had opened** the door.  
(She opened the door then later he arrived.)



# WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn  
about modals. See you next time!