

Structures

tenses: story telling: past perfect

Paul Winterbottom



趴趴教育
PAPA EDUCATION

Story telling: Past perfect



1. went to bed at 1am
2. overslept
3. missed my train
4. arrived late at the office
5. missed an important phone call
6. was in trouble with my boss
7. had a headache
8. left the office early
9. did not have a drink with my colleagues
10. went to bed at 9 o'clock

Usually, we tell out stories moving forwards in time. Moving forwards: past tense

Story telling: Past perfect



1. went to bed at 1am
2. overslept
3. missed my train
4. arrived late at the office
5. missed an important phone call
6. was in trouble with my boss
7. had a headache
8. left the office early
9. did not have a drink with my colleagues
10. went to bed at 9 o'clock

Usually, we tell out stories moving forwards in time. Moving forwards: past tense

Set time moves forward as we tell our story.

Here my story is at time 3

Story telling: Past perfect



1. went to bed at 1am
2. overslept
3. missed my train
4. arrived late at the office
5. missed an important phone call
6. was in trouble with my boss
7. had a headache
8. left the office early
9. did not have a drink with my colleagues
10. went to bed at 9 o'clock

Usually, we tell out stories moving forwards in time. Moving forwards: past tense

Set time moves forward as we tell our story.

Here my story is at time 5

Story telling: Past perfect



1. went to bed at 1am
2. overslept
3. missed my train
4. arrived late at the office
5. missed an important phone call
6. was in trouble with my boss
7. had a headache
8. left the office early
9. did not have a drink with my colleagues
10. went to bed at 9 o'clock

Usually, we tell out stories moving forwards in time. Moving forwards: past tense

Set time: time 5

To refer back to earlier time (3): Past Perfect
Before the set time (5)

I missed an important phone call in the office because I had missed my train to work that morning.

Story telling: Past perfect



1. went to bed at 1am
2. overslept
3. missed my train
4. arrived late at the office
5. missed an important phone call
6. was in trouble with my boss
7. had a headache
8. left the office early
9. did not have a drink with my colleagues
10. went to bed at 9 o'clock

Examples:

I missed my train because I had gone to bed at 1am the night before.

I did not have a drink with my colleagues because I had already left the office when they went out.

I went to bed at 9 o'clock that night because I had gone to bed very late the night before.

