14 Love you and leave you

Past Perfect • Reported statements • Saying goodbye

STARTER Match the lines about John and Mary.

They met each other	every week.
They've known each other	when they met.
They see each other	for a long time.
They were living in New York	a long time ago.
They had never been to New York	before.

A LOVE STORY

Past Perfect

1 Texts **A** and **B** are summaries of a magazine love story. Read and compare them.

A *The story so far ...*

Saskia met Bradley at a party one Saturday night in June. They fell in love and got married the following Saturday. After the wedding, Bradley moved into Saskia's flat. Saskia rang her parents and told them that she was married. They were furious.

Unfortunately, after a few months, Bradley began to behave very strangely and his marriage to Saskia started to go wrong ...

B *The story so far ...*

Saskia and Bradley got married one Saturday in June. They had met only one week earlier at a party and had fallen in love. After the wedding, Saskia rang her parents and told them that she was married, and that Bradley had moved into her flat. They were furious.

Unfortunately, after a few months, their marriage started to go wrong. Bradley had begun to behave very strangely ...

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 In which text are the events of the story told in chronological order? What tense are *all* the verbs in this text?

2 How is this idea expressed in text **B**?
They met at a party and fell in love.
Which two tenses are used in text **B**?

3 What's the difference between these sentences?

When we arrived	they were leaving.
	they left.
	they had left.

▶▶ **Grammar Reference 14.1 p142**

2 **T 14.1** Read and listen to text **B** on p110 and underline all the examples of the Past Perfect. Read the text aloud and pay attention to contracted forms.

3 Are the following statements about Saskia and Bradley true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false ones.

1 When Saskia and Bradley got married, they had known each other for a year.
2 When Saskia told her parents about the wedding, Bradley had already moved into her flat.
3 Her parents were angry because she hadn't phoned them for a long time.
4 The marriage started to go wrong, and then Bradley began to behave very strangely.

PRACTICE

Speaking

1 The story continues. Work with a partner. Tell the story in the order of the pictures.

1 On Friday evening when Bradley returned from work, he … his suitcase.

2 Then he …

3 and …

4 Saskia … home.

2 Which of these sentences is true? Explain why.

When Saskia arrived home, Bradley	was packing.
	packed.
	had packed.

3 Tell the story again, but begin at picture 4.
When Saskia arrived home, Bradley …

Grammar and pronunciation

4 Make sentences from the chart below.

I	was in a mess	because	I	had	fallen over playing football.
Our teacher	hurt		we	hadn't	done the homework.
My leg	died				passed all my exams.
The plants	was delighted				had a party the night before.
The house	was angry				forgotten to water them.
	was hungry				had a busy day.
	went to bed early				had any breakfast.

T 14.2 Listen and check. Practice saying the sentences.

5 The *had* in the Past Perfect tense is often contracted.

I'd passed my exams. (The *'d* is sometimes difficult to hear.)

(*'d* is also the contracted form of *would*: *I'd like to come.*)

T 14.3 Listen to the sentences. Put a tick (✓) if the sentence contains *had*. Put a cross (✗) if it doesn't.

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐

6 Put the verbs into the correct tense, Past Simple or Past Perfect.

The story continues ...

Saskia (1) _____ (read) Bradley's letter and then she (2)_____ (walk) slowly into the kitchen.

Earlier that day she (3) _____ (buy) his favourite food for dinner, now she (4) _____ (throw) it into the rubbish bin. Why (5)_____ he _____ (do) this to her? She remembered how happy they (6) _____ (be) in the beginning. They (7) _____ (laugh) a lot then. Saskia (8) _____ (feel) desperate.

One hour later the phone (9)_____ (ring) in the flat ...

7 Read the end of the story. What happened before? Write your ideas in groups.

The end of the story

Bradley took Saskia in his arms and said, 'Forgive me, my darling. I'm so happy we're together again – this time it's forever!'

WHAT DID SHE SAY?

Reported statements

1 **T 14.4** Listen and complete what Mary says about John in **A**.

A What does Mary say?
'I _____ John very much.'
'We _____ six months ago.'
'I _____ in love before.'
'We _____ very happy.'
'I _____ him forever.'
'I _____ him this evening.

2 **T 14.5** Read and listen to **B**.

B What did Mary tell you?
She told me/said that . . .
she loved John very much.
they had met six months ago.
she had never been in love before.
they were very happy.
she would love him forever.
she was seeing him that evening.

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 **A** is direct speech. **B** is reported speech. What are the tense changes from direct to reported speech?

2 How are *say* and *tell* used to introduce reported speech?

▶▶ **Grammar Reference 14.2 p142**

3 Practise the sentences using contracted forms where possible.

PRACTICE

An interview

1 **T 14.6** Listen to an interview with the writer Carmen Day, who wrote *One Short Hot Summer*.

2 Complete this report of the interview with the correct verb forms.

In an interview Carmen said she (1) **had written** another romantic novel because she (2) _____ romantic fiction easy to write, but that her next novel (3) _____ something different, possibly a detective story.

Carmen said that the character of Bradley (4) _____ on her first husband, Clive Maingay, the actor, who (5) _____ her very unhappy. But she added that she (6) _____ now married to Tony Marsh, the politician. She said that they (7) _____ married for nearly ten years and that they (8) _____ very happy together.

She told me that she (9) _____ now _____ five novels and also that she (10) _____ three stories for children. She said she (11) _____ never stop writing, not even when she (12) _____ an old lady.

T 14.7 Listen and check.

Check it

3 Report these statements.

1 'I like Anna,' said Jim.
2 'I'm staying with my aunt,' said Anna.
3 'Mr Walker phoned before lunch,' Sue said.
'He didn't leave a message,' she added.
4 'I don't think it'll rain,' said Ken.
5 'Ken's gone home,' Sue said.
'He went early,' she added.
6 'I'll ring you this evening,' Anna told Jim.