

68 What happened when?

English uses a number of words and phrases to show the order in which past events occurred. They are often called adverbials of time, and are useful when telling a story.

 **New language** Time adverbs and phrases

 **Aa Vocabulary** Storytelling devices

 **New skill** Putting events in order

68.1 KEY LANGUAGE TIME ADVERBS AND PHRASES

SAME TIME

These phrases show two events happened at the same time. They are often used with descriptions in the past continuous.



"Just as" and "at the very moment" go before the verb they modify.

Just as we were getting on the train, we saw her getting off.



Blake's phone rang **at the very moment** he was signing the papers.

AFTER

These phrases show one event happened after, or as a result of, another. They are often used with descriptions in the past simple.



Shows something happened after.

He fell backward, and **subsequently** fell into the tray of paint.



Shows something happened as a result.

Consequently, he made a terrible mess on the floor.

BEFORE

These phrases show one event happened before another. They are often used with descriptions in the past perfect.



Sits before the verb it modifies.

As soon as the babysitter had arrived, they put on their coats.



Sits before the verb it modifies.

She became famous **shortly after** she had released her first album.



Sits after the verb it modifies.

Mr. Jones had moved to the city **not long before** I met him.





68.2 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE PHRASES IN THE PANEL

Just as

I was coming out of the café, I saw my friends on the other side of the street.

- 1 He broke his leg while skiing and _____ had to take three weeks off work.
- 2 The first guests arrived at 7pm and the others came _____ that.
- 3 I was about to call her to tell her the good news _____ she called me.
- 4 _____ it had stopped raining, we went for a walk.
- 5 They had got married _____ they moved to Wellington in New Zealand.

not long before consequently Just as at the very moment As soon as shortly after



68.3 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, ADDING IN THE TIME ADVERBS

He was finishing his report. I was finishing mine. (**just as**)

He was finishing his report just as I was finishing mine.



- 1 Our first child was born. We had bought the house. (**shortly after**)

Our first child was born shortly after we had bought the house.



- 2 They worked very well together. They went into business together. (**subsequently**)

They worked very well together subsequently. They went into business together.



- 3 We went to the beach. The weather had improved. (**as soon as**)

We went to the beach as soon as the weather had improved.



- 4 They had moved to London. She started her new job. (**not long before**)

They had moved to London not long before she started her new job.





68.4 READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES

TRUE STORIES

Bitten by a shark in a supermarket

An ambulance crew was recently called to a local supermarket where, not long before, a trainee fish seller had been bitten by a shark.

Fish sellers wear special hygienic boots while at work. Just as the poor trainee was putting on these boots, he lost his balance. He fell backward and subsequently stepped barefoot into a large tray containing a dead, open-mouthed shark.

When the trainee stood on the lower jaw of the

shark, the upper jaw snapped down on his foot, trapping it completely.

By the time the ambulance arrived, the boy had gone into shock. As soon as he was free, the crew took him to the hospital. Just as they were closing the ambulance doors, the victim's colleagues started clapping and laughing. The trainee is reported to have observed, "I suppose they'll be calling me Jaws now!"



Who had been bitten by a shark not long before the ambulance crew arrived?

The trainee fish seller had been bitten by a shark.

1 What happened just as the trainee was putting on his boots?

2 What happened when he stood on the lower jaw of the shark?

3 Where did the trainee fish seller go as soon as the ambulance crew had freed him?

4 What did his colleagues do just as the crew were closing the ambulance doors?



68.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Gareth tells his friend Maria about a disagreement he had with his neighbors.

Gareth moved into his new house in July.

True False Not given

- 1 He met his neighbors on the day that he moved in.
- 2 He was friendly with his neighbors when they first met.
- 3 The neighbours were both doctors.
- 4 Jim wanted to tell Gareth how to paint.
- 5 Gareth spoke to his neighbors last week.

True False Not given
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68 CHECKLIST

Time adverbs and phrases

Aa Storytelling devices

Putting events in order

REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 64–68

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
PAST PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE	Pablo had gone to work when I went to his house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	64.1
PAST PERFECT WITH "NEVER" / "EVER"	He had never visited Rome before. It was the first time he had ever visited Rome.	<input type="checkbox"/>	65.1
PRESENT PERFECT WITH "NEVER" / "EVER"	She has never visited Sydney before. It's the first time she has ever visited Sydney.	<input type="checkbox"/>	65.3
NARRATIVE TENSES: PAST CONTINUOUS	A crowd of people were celebrating the New Year...	<input type="checkbox"/>	67.1
NARRATIVE TENSES: PAST SIMPLE	... when one of the men kneeled down in front of his girlfriend and asked her to marry him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	67.1
NARRATIVE TENSES: PAST PERFECT	He had planned everything down to the last detail.	<input type="checkbox"/>	67.1
TIME ADVERBS AND PHRASES	Just as we were getting on the bus, we saw her.	<input type="checkbox"/>	68.1