

Test • Unit 4

Past Perfect and Past Perfect Progressive Nature vs. Nurture

Part I

A Write C (correct) or I (incorrect) for each sentence.

- / 1. We had try to find her phone number but couldn't.
2. Her mother had telling her about the twin study.
3. She had considered calling her sister in the past but never did.
4. I hadn't known about her until she called me.
5. A: Had you meet your sister before today?
 B: No, I hadn't.
6. His family had been keeping the secret for decades.
7. They had tried to meet up after they learn about each other.

B Circle the correct word or phrase.

1. By the time he was 16 years old, he had lived / lived in many homes.
2. The twins had lived with their mother until / for they were three years old.
3. She had learned / had been learning about adoption studies for years.
4. John's grandmother already died / had already died when he tried to contact her.
5. She had seen / had been seeing the advertisement about lost siblings a year before.
 Then, she learned about her twin.
6. I recognized / had recognized her after she introduced herself.

Part II

1. Past Perfect

Complete the sentences with the past perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. There hadn't been (not be) laws about adoption in the United States before the 1850s.
2. Most adoptions _____ (become) secretive by the 1930s.
3. _____ most children's hospitals in Silversia _____ (close) by the 1950s?
4. My grandmother _____ (live) with many different families before her adoption.
5. Her parents _____ (not tell) her about her adoption yet when she turned 18.

6. _____ she _____ (think) about it before that?
7. She _____ (try) to ask her parents questions before then.

2. Past Perfect with Time Clauses

Circle the correct word or phrase.

1. Until / By the time / After Erika got the letter in the mail, she hadn't known she had a brother.
2. After / Before / By the time Erika met her brother, her father had been her only family member.
3. She met her mother after / before / until she had already met her brother.
4. After / By the time / Until they met in person, they had talked on the phone for several hours.
5. Until / By the time / After Erika met her mother and brother, she had already called the local news.
6. She had been nervous after / by the time / until they finally got there.
7. By the time / When / Until she saw her mother and brother, Erika started crying.

3. Past Perfect Progressive

Complete the sentences with the past perfect progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. She and her sister *had been writing* (write) e-mails to each other for a year before they met.
2. They _____ (sit) in traffic for an hour before the police were able to clear the accident.
3. He _____ (look) for his sister for years.
4. Her whole life, her parents _____ (hide) the truth from her.
5. She _____ (not live) with her family at that time.
6. _____ you _____ (try) to call me when your phone died?
7. They _____ (watch) TV when they saw the show about twins.

Part III

Complete the paragraph with the simple past, past perfect, or past perfect progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

My biological parents were poor farmers. They *married* (marry) when they were very young. By the time my birth mother was 22, she _____ already _____ (have) four children. She was pregnant with me, her fifth child, when she _____ (get) a call from the police. They told her that her husband _____ (be) in an accident earlier that day.

He _____ (ride) his bike on a busy street when a car hit him. He had died before
(5)
he _____ (get) to the hospital. My birth mother didn't know what to do. She was poor
(6)
and alone with four children. By the time I _____ (be) born, she _____ already
(7) (8)
_____ (decide) to give me up for adoption. My adoptive parents _____ (try) to have
(8) (9)
children for years when they found out about me. They were very excited to be able to adopt me. They
were wonderful parents. They _____ (not plan) to tell me I was adopted until I was an
(10)
adult. When I finally found out, I _____ (not try) to find my birth mother immediately.
(11)
To me, my adoptive parents were – and are – my real parents.

Part IV

Writing

What do you have in common with your brother, sister, or cousin? Had you realized this when you were still children? Use the past perfect in your writing.
