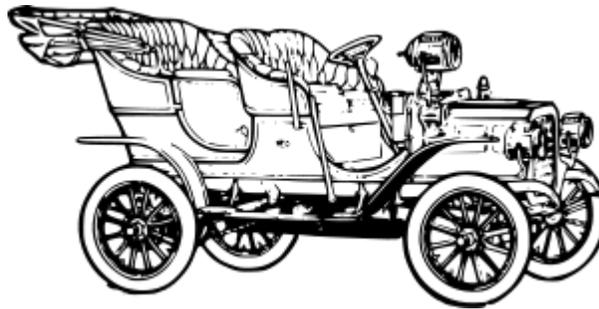


Past Perfect Story 4

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Who had owned it? What had they done?

The Smith family had never owned a car until they bought their first automobile in 1906. Before they bought it, they had only used horses and a buggy for transportation. They had never owned anything so expensive before they bought the car.

The Smith family was very excited about their automobile. The children had never ridden in an automobile before their parents purchased the car. They had only seen a few automobiles when they went to town for supplies. But nobody they knew had ever owned an automobile before that day. They felt very lucky.

Past Perfect Story 4 – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Perfect tense.

1. What had the Smith family used for transportation before they bought their first car?

2. Had the children ever ridden in an automobile before their parents purchased the car? When had they seen other automobiles?

3. Had any of their friends ever owned an automobile?

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative or positive sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence "Brett had finished before lunch."

Negative: Brett had not finished before lunch.

Yes/No Question: Had Brett finished before lunch?

WH-Question: Who had finished before lunch?

Tag Question: Brett had finished before lunch, hadn't he?

1. The Smith family had never owned a car until they bought their first automobile in 1906.

Positive: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. They had never owned anything so expensive before they bought the car.

Positive: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. They had seen a few automobiles when they went to town for supplies.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

C. Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

car	automobile	transportation	family
buggy	expensive	horse	supplies

1. It is used for moving people and things. What is it? _____

2. These are things you need to buy. What are they? _____

3. It is a four-legged animal that people can ride with a saddle.

What is it? _____

4. It is a horse-drawn carriage. What is it? _____

5. It is a small automobile with four wheels. What is it? _____

6. It means something costs a lot of money. What is it? _____

7. They are a group of people who are closely related.

Who are they? _____

8. It is something used to travel from one place to another.

What is it? _____

Past Perfect Story 4 – Answers

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Perfect tense.

1. What had the Smith family used for transportation before they bought their first car?

The Smith family had used horses and a buggy for transportation before they bought their first car.

2. Had the children ever ridden in an automobile before their parents purchased the car? When had they seen other automobiles?

No, the children had never ridden in an automobile before their parents purchased the car. They had only seen other automobiles when they went to town for supplies.

3. Had any of their friends ever owned an automobile?

No, none of their friends had ever owned an automobile.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative or positive sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

1. The Smith family had never owned a car until they bought their first automobile in 1906.

Positive: The Smith family had owned a car when they bought their first automobile in 1906.

Yes/No Question: Had the Smith family ever owned a car before they bought their first automobile in 1906?

WH-Question: Who had never owned a car until they bought their first automobile in 1906?

Tag Question: The Smith family had never owned a car until they bought their first automobile in 1906, had they?

2. They had never owned anything so expensive before they bought the car.

Positive: They had owned something so expensive before they bought the car.

Yes/No Question: Had they ever owned anything so expensive before they bought the car?

WH-Question: Who had never owned anything so expensive before they bought the car?

Tag Question: They had never owned anything so expensive before they bought the car, had they?

3. They had seen a few automobiles when they went to town for supplies.

Negative: They had not seen a few automobiles when they went to town for supplies.

Yes/No Question: Had they seen a few automobiles when they went to town for supplies?

WH-Question: What had they seen when they went to town for supplies?

Tag Question: They had seen a few automobiles when they went to town for supplies, hadn't they?

C. Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

1. It is used for moving people and things. What is it? automobile

2. These are things you need to buy. What are they? supplies

3. It is a four-legged animal that people can ride with a saddle.

What is it? horse

4. It is a horse-drawn carriage. What is it? buggy

5. It is a small automobile with four wheels. What is it? car

6. It means something costs a lot of money. What is it? expensive

7. They are a group of people who are closely related.

Who are they? family

8. It is something used to travel from one place to another.

What is it? transportation

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