

Year 5 English Knowledge Progression

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Step	Knowledge	Exemplification	Assessment
1	Identify and write adverbs followed by present and past particles openers	<i>Quietly cackling to herself, the witch stirred the potion.</i> A participle phrase includes a present or past participle. Participle phrases always function as adjectives that modify the simple/compound subject in the main clause of a sentence. A comma is used to separate the participle phrase from the main clause. Adverbs are words that modify a verb, an adjective, another adverb or an entire clause or sentence. When included in participle phrases, adverbs modify the whole phrase (which functions as an adjective). N.B. Present participle phrases that open with adverbs are easily confused with gerunds because they both include an ‘-ing’ word. The difference is the function that they provide in a sentence. A gerund phrase will always behave as a noun while a present participle phrase will act as an adjective. For example, in the sentence: ‘Gently <u>blowing</u> bubbles on a windy day is a fun activity for children.’ ‘gently blowing bubbles on a windy day’ is the subject of the verb <i>is</i>. Therefore, this sentence opens with a gerund phrase.	Use the picture to rewrite the sentence below so that it begins with an adverb followed by a participle opener. <i>The boy almost tripped over.</i>  <i>Cheerfully running towards the door, the boy almost tripped over.</i>
2	To identify and write expanded noun phrases that include a prepositional phrase	<i>The wicked witch with warty skin stirred the potion.</i> Prepositional phrases show the relationship between nouns and/or pronouns in a sentence. A prepositional phrase can function as an adjective or adverb. When expanding noun phrases, prepositional phrases always function as adjectives that answer the question ‘Which one?’ For example: ‘The book <u>on the kitchen counter</u> is ruined from the steam.’ They are written directly after the noun phrase in the sentence.	Use the picture to rewrite the sentence below by expanding the noun phrase with one adjective and one prepositional phrase. <i>The mat was wet.</i>  <i>The white mat on the bathroom floor was wet.</i>

3

Identify and write relative clauses (embedded and at the end of the main clause) as parenthesis

Brian said goodnight to his roommate Justin, who played video games all night long.

Brian, who played video games all night long, said goodnight to his roommate Justin.

A relative clause is an adjective clause that describes the noun. A relative clause:

- will contain a subject and a verb
- will begin with a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, that, and which) or a relative adverb (when, where, or why)
- requires a main clause to form a complete thought

Relative Pronouns		
Subject	Object	Possessive
who	who(m)	whose
which	which	whose
that	that	

‘Who’ and ‘whom’ is used for people, and ‘which’ for things. ‘That’ can also be used for people or things.

N.B. When introducing this knowledge step, begin with relative clauses at the end of the main clause. Then introduce embedded relative clauses demarcated with a pair of commas. In both instances, the relative clause is a form of parenthesis (a word, phrase or clause that is inserted into another sentence).

N.B. Use commas to separate relative clauses from main clauses throughout this knowledge step.

Combine these sentences using a relative clause.

An eagle caught a fish. The fish struggled to escape.

An eagle caught a fish, which struggled to escape.

4	To substitute commas for brackets and dashes when demarcating relative clauses as parenthesis	<i>Brian said goodnight to his roommate Justin (who played video games all night long).</i> <i>Brian said goodnight to his roommate Justin – who played video games all night long.</i> <i>Brian (who played video games all night long) said goodnight to his roommate Justin.</i> <i>Brian – who played video games all night long – said goodnight to his roommate Justin.</i> When a relative clause ends a sentence, a pair of brackets or a single dash can be used to separate the relative clause from main clause. When the relative clause is embedded, a pair of brackets or a pair of dashes can be used to separate the relative clause from the main clause. Brackets can be used for a strong or weak interruption; whereas, dashes can only be used for a strong interruption – they disrupt the flow of the sentence. N.B. When brackets are used to demarcate a relative clause at the end of a sentence, the stop mark is written after the closing bracket.	Using a pair of dashes, rewrite the sentence below so that Hillary is best tennis player in the school. <u>Do not</u> use additional words. <i>Hillary played a match against Anu – who was the best tennis player in the school.</i> <i>Hillary – who was the best tennis player in the school – played a match against Anu.</i>
5	Identify and write appositives (embedded and at the end of the main clause) as parenthesis	<i>Brian said goodnight to his roommate Justin – a keen gamer.</i> <i>Brian (a keen gamer) said goodnight to his roommate Justin.</i> An appositive is a second noun or noun phrase that is placed besides the primary noun to explain it more fully. N.B. When an appositive ends a sentence, a comma cannot not be used to separate the appositive from the main clause. This is known as a comma splice.	Rewrite the sentence below replacing two commas with a pair of brackets. <u>Do not</u> use additional words. <u>Do not</u> change the order of the words. <i>In December 1799, George Washington, the first president of the United States, died.</i> <i>In December 1799, George Washington (the first president of the United States) died.</i>

6	Write relative clauses and appositives within compound and complex sentences	<i>Brian said goodnight to his roommate Justin – a keen gamer.</i> <i>Brian yawned loudly, and he said goodnight to his roommate Justin – a keen gamer.</i> <i>While he yawned loudly, Brian said goodnight to his roommate Justin – a keen gamer.</i> Relative clauses and appositives can be inserted as parenthesis into sentences with one main clause (simple sentences), more than one main clause joined with co-ordinating conjunctions (compound sentences) and subordinate clause joined to main clauses with subordinating conjunctions (complex sentences). N.B. Where commas have been used before co-ordinating conjunctions in compound sentences, dashes or brackets should be used to demarcate relative clauses and appositives to avoid ambiguity. N.B. Where commas have been used after subordinate clauses that begin complex sentences, dashes or brackets should be used to demarcate relative clauses and appositives to avoid ambiguity.	Use the picture to rewrite the sentence below with relative clauses about each of the underlined nouns. The <u>woman</u> rode the <u>horse</u>.  <i>The woman, who wore a helmet, rode the horse that jumped over the hedge.</i>						
7	To identify and organise ideas into paragraphs to indicate a change in person, place or a jump in time	<i>It was the end of May when the train reached Berlin. The journey had been nine days of stopping and starting, of lying up in sidings, of crawling along the battered track.</i> <i>The station was a shambles, but everyone was glad to escape from their cramped quarters. The passengers swarmed out of the trucks and over the lines, some of them disappearing at once into the dusty ruins of Berlin.</i> A paragraph is a group of sentences that includes details about a specific point, event or action. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">Narrative Writing</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>A new character is introduced</td><td>When a new character is introduced, a new paragraph is required. e.g. <i>Deep down here by the dark water lived old Gollum – a small slimy creature.</i></td></tr><tr><td>A new location</td><td>When the location changes, a new paragraph is required.</td></tr></tbody></table>	Narrative Writing		A new character is introduced	When a new character is introduced, a new paragraph is required. e.g. <i>Deep down here by the dark water lived old Gollum – a small slimy creature.</i>	A new location	When the location changes, a new paragraph is required.	Write // at the beginning of two different sentences to show the start of two new paragraphs. <i>Mia and Oliver were far away from the party when they found the little rowing boat in the grassy shallows of a small lake. The lake was calm and still. // Glancing nervously behind her, Mia suggested that they row out to the island in the middle of the lake. Confused, Oliver looked at her. Maria explained</i>
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		e.g. <i>Then at last they said goodbye to their ponies and turned their heads for home. Off they trotted gaily, seeming very glad to put their tails towards the shadow of Mirkwood.</i> A change in time When the story moves on in time, start a new paragraph. This can be shown with an adverbial phrase or subordinate clause to start the new paragraph. e.g. <i>The next morning, dawned bright and fair again.</i> A conversation or dialogue is used When each character speaks, a new paragraph is required. e.g. <i>"Escaping goblins to be caught by wolves!" he said.</i> <i>"Up the trees quick!" cried Gandalf as they ran to the trees at the edge of the glade.</i> N.B. Students will be familiar with the starting a new paragraph when a conversation or dialogue is used. Refer to knowledge step 15 in the Year 4 Progression Document for further clarification.	that there was a hidden necklace on the island. The necklace had once belonged to a rich family. Oliver rowed while Maria stood barefoot in the boat, staring straight ahead. Both children were determined to find the necklace and return to the party before nightfall. Twenty minutes later, Mia Oliver arrived at the island. Mia led Oliver out of the boat and across tangled ground to a hidden clearing.
8	Convert spoken word into direct speech (statement, question and exclamation) where the reporting clause is embedded	<i>"Do you remember," the teacher asked, "if the boy wore uniform?"</i> Direct Speech Reporting Clause Direct Speech <i>"I can't remember," the girl replied. "I can't remember anything about that day."</i> Inverted commas are written in pairs, and they surround spoken words. Inverted commas cannot be closed without a punctuation mark. Reporting clauses indicates who has spoken (subject) and how they have uttered the speech (verb). When the reporting clause is embedded in direct speech:	Rewrite the sentence below so the reported clause is embedded in the direct speech. <i>"I'm the fastest here, so I'll go first," said Ayomide.</i> <i>"I'm the fastest here," said Ayomide, "so I'll go first."</i>

		- reporting clauses begin with a lower-case letter unless they begin with a proper noun. For example, "I carried this puppy for miles," Harry whispered, "so I'm tired." - commas are written after reporting clauses when the two instances of direct speech can be combined into one sentence - full stops are written after reporting clauses when the two instances of direct speech are two independent sentences - verbs in the reporting clause must match the punctuation used to end the direct speech - subject and verbs in the reporting clause can be written in either order. For example, "I carried this puppy for miles," Harry whispered / whispered Harry, "so I'm tired." - questions written as direct speech begin with a capital letter and end with a question mark before the closing inverted comma - exclamations written as direct speech begin with a capital letter and end with an exclamation mark before the closing inverted comma N.B. Use a range of synonyms for 'asked' in example sentences. For example, 'questioned' and 'queried'.	
9	To open, embed or end a paragraph with direct speech	<i>The station was a shambles, but everyone was glad to escape from their cramped quarters. "That was almost certainly," said the girl, "the worst journey of my life." The passengers swarmed out of the trucks and over the lines, some of them disappearing at once into the dusty ruins of Berlin.</i> The direct speech of a single character can open, end or be embedded into a paragraph if the direct speech does not indicate a change in person, place or a jump in time. Therefore, the direct speech must closely relate to the other sentences within the paragraph. Reported clauses must be included to indicate who is speaking and show how they are uttering their speech.	Rewrite the paragraph below to include one sentence with direct speech. <i>Stomach rumbling, Johnny looked at his mum. He asked for a banana. Johnny's mum shook her head.</i> <i>Stomach rumbling, Johnny looked at his mum. "Can I have a banana?" he asked. Johnny's mum shook her head.</i>

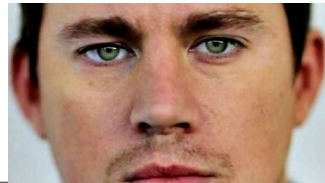
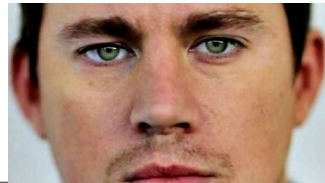
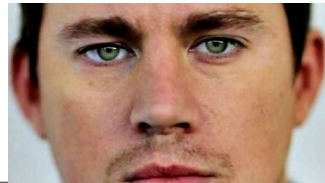
10	To expand on direct speech with narrative to advance the plot	<i>Running along the platform, Harry shouted, “Get on the train!” Both children were out of breath as they reached out both pairs of arms.</i> <i>On the train, Harry grabbed Isha’s arm. Isha turned to Harry, and she cried out, “We made it!”</i> Reporting clauses primarily indicate who has spoken (subject) and how they have uttered the speech (verb). Reporting clauses can be expanded to include details about a specific point, event or action. Sentences can be expanded using any of the previously taught knowledge steps where appropriate. For example, in the sentence: “Running towards the door, the child screamed: “Get out of my way!” the reporting clause opens with a present participle phrase to advance the action. N.B. Using knowledge step 9, additional sentences can be written before and/or after the reporting clause to further build a paragraph and advance the plot.	Rewrite the sentence below to expand the reporting clause with narrative. <i>“Wait for me!” shouted Chantelle.</i>  <i>“Wait for me!” shouted Chantelle as she ran across the platform and reached out for the train.</i>
11	Identify and write ellipsis as a stop mark and an incomplete thought	<i>The woman whispered, “We could always... discuss this somewhere else. We could...”</i> Ellipsis can be used in place of a stop mark to indicate a thought has been left unfinished. The proceeding words are referred to as a fragment. A fragment is a group of words that do not constitute a complete thought; however they open with a capital letter and end with a stop mark. For example, “A row of soldiers...” is a fragment as it lacks a verb required to be complete thought.	Which sentence uses ellipsis to show an unfinished thought? Tick one. <i>Harry looked up at the sky, and he thought about... Jenny’s mistakes.</i> ☐ <i>Harry looked up at the sky, and he thought about... his options.</i> ☐

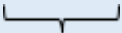
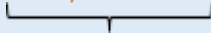
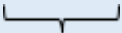
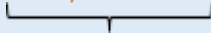
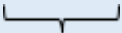
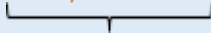
			Harry looked up at the sky, and he thought about... running away from his mistakes. Harry looked up at the sky, and he thought about... No, that wasn't an option.							
12	Identify and write ellipsis as a pause	The woman whispered, "We could always... discuss this somewhere else. We could..." Ellipsis can be used between two words in a complete sentence to indicate a pause. When used to indicate a pause, ellipsis always features in grammatically complete sentences.	Circle the ellipsis that shows a pause. The man whispered, "I was hoping... we could come to an arrangement. I could... Actually, I've changed my mind, and I..."							
13	To identify and write conjunctive adverbs to open sentences	There are many benefits to children completing homework. Therefore, it should remain in primary schools. <table><tr><th>Cause and Effect</th><th>Contrast</th><th>Sequence</th></tr><tr><td>therefore consequently</td><td>however on the other hand</td><td>furthermore in addition</td></tr></table> Conjunctive adverbs are cohesive words or groups of words that connect one clause or sentence to another. Unlike conjunctions, they <u>do not</u> join. When using conjunctive adverbs to connect two sentences: • a stop mark ends the first sentence • a conjunctive adverb begins the second sentence with a capital letter	Cause and Effect	Contrast	Sequence	therefore consequently	however on the other hand	furthermore in addition	Rewrite the sentence pair using the conjunctive adverb 'however'. <u>Do not</u> use a semi-colon in your answer. <u>Do not</u> change the order of the words. The guards ran after the thieves. The thieves successfully escaped. The guards ran after the thieves. However, the thieves successfully escaped.	
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		a comma is written after the conjunctive adverb Conjunctive adverbs that indicate cause and effect, such as ‘therefore’, establish one event or action as the direct result of another. Conjunctive adverbs that indicate a contrast, such as ‘however’, indicates an alternative or opposing point, event or action. Conjunctive adverbs that indicate sequence, such as ‘in addition’, establish the order of points, events or actions. N.B. There are numerous conjunctive adverbs. As a minimum expectation, students must learn the 6 most common listed above; however, this is not an exhaustive list of conjunctive adverbs.	
14	To identify and write conjunctive adverbs after semi-colons to combine and then link two main clauses	<i>There are many benefits to children completing homework; therefore, it should remain in primary schools.</i> In sentences with conjunctive adverbs written after semi-colons, the semi-colon is acting as a co-ordinating conjunction joining two main clauses. The proceeding conjunctive adverb is a cohesive words or groups of words that connects each main clause. Unlike semi-colons, conjunctive adverbs <u>do not</u> join. When using conjunctive adverbs to connect two main clauses: - a semi-colon ends the first main clause - a conjunctive adverb begins the second main clause with a lower case letter - a comma is written after the conjunctive adverb	Use a semi-colon followed by a conjunctive adverb to complete the sentence about the picture. <i>The man felt tired _____.</i>  <i>The man felt tired; consequently, he yawned.</i>

		N.B. Students will be familiar with semi-colons introduced in Year 4. Refer to knowledge step 1 in the Year 4 Progression Document for further clarification.	
15	Identify and write an introductory paragraph in expository writing	<i>Homework is part of daily life in primary schools across the UK. Children are set homework from the age of 5 until they leave school at 18. There is a current discussion about the value of homework, and whether it should be banned for primary school pupils.</i> <i>Many parents argue that there are significant benefits to primary school children completing homework. After a day of learning, pupils need the opportunity to practice the skills that they have learnt in school. The time spent doing additional work at home maximises the time spent learning which will make children more successful. In addition, it is believed that completing homework builds a hard working attitude in children which will help them in the future. There are many benefits to children completing homework. Therefore, it should remain in primary schools.</i>	Read the passage below. <i>Larger class sizes means there are more people to learn from. Each student is encouraged to take control of their own learning and become independent. Many online classes are designed in this way, and they have been successful for many learners.</i> <i>However, many children become too easily distracted in larger classes. Talkative children might be more tempted to disrupt</i>

		<i>Some parents claim that there are significant problems with setting children homework. Children, who already spend 6 hours a day learning, have to do more work when they should be spending time with their family. Furthermore, a large number of children do not have a suitable place to work in their houses. This can cause arguments between siblings competing for limited space. Consequently, homework should be banned in primary schools.</i> <i>In conclusion, homework can be beneficial for children's learning; however, it can also be difficult for families to manage at home. I believe that homework should remain in primary school as it is extremely important for children to practice new skills at home.</i> Introductory paragraphs are always the first in a series of expository paragraphs. Introductory paragraphs must not exceed the length of subsequent paragraphs. They must be neutral and outline the wider context in broad terms. Students are permitted to use the first person pronoun 'I' when writing introductory paragraphs. N.B. When introducing this knowledge step, provide all subsequent paragraphs.	<i>others. If teachers stop the learning too many times, children risk losing out on their education.</i> Write an introductory paragraph for the passage above. <i>Most classes have a maximum of 30 children. Some people believe this should be increased whilst other people believe that 30 children should remain the maximum.</i>
16	Identify and write an concluding paragraph in expository writing	<i>Homework is part of daily life in primary schools across the UK. Children are set homework from the age of 5 until they leave school at 18. There is a current discussion about the value of homework, and whether it should be banned for primary school pupils.</i> <i>Many parents argue that there are significant benefits to primary school children completing homework. After a day of learning, pupils need the opportunity to practice the skills that they have learnt in school. The time spent doing additional work at home maximises the time spent learning which will make children more successful. In addition, it is believed that completing homework builds a hard working attitude in children which will help them in the future. There are many benefits to children completing homework. Therefore, it should remain in primary schools.</i> <i>Some parents claim that there are significant problems with setting children homework. Children, who already spend 6 hours a day learning, have to do more work when they should be spending time with their family. Furthermore, a large number of children do not</i>	Re-read the passage below. <i>Larger class sizes means there are more people to learn from. Each student is encouraged to take control of their own learning and become independent. Many online classes are designed in this way, and they have been successful for many learners.</i> <i>However, many children become too easily distracted in larger classes. Talkative children might be more tempted to disrupt others. If teachers stop the learning too</i>

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17	Identify and write similes <i>The snow was as white as a crisp bed sheet.</i> First Noun Phrase Secondary Noun Phrase Similes use ‘like’ or ‘as’ to explicitly compare one noun, noun phrase or pronoun with a secondary noun or noun phrase. The secondary noun must share more than one quality with the first noun, noun phrase or pronoun. <table><tr><th>First Noun Phrase</th><th>Secondary Noun (Phrases)</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	First Noun Phrase	Secondary Noun (Phrases)			Write a simile comparing the two noun phrases below. <table><tr><th>Noun Phrase</th><th>Noun Phrase</th></tr><tr><td> the girl’s anger</td><td> a wildfire</td></tr></table> <i>The girl’s anger burned like a wildfire.</i>	Noun Phrase	Noun Phrase	 the girl’s anger	 a wildfire
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19	Identify and write personification	<i>The brave car danced across the icy road.</i> Personification is the attribution of human characteristics to something non-human for the purpose of imagery. Personification is most commonly written using human verbs and/or human adjectives. <table><tr><th>Writing Personification</th><th>Example</th></tr><tr><td>human verbs</td><td>The woods are disrobing their leaves ahead of their winter sleep.</td></tr><tr><td>human adjectives</td><td>Green-eyed jealousy will creep up on you.</td></tr></table> Pathetic fallacy is a type of personification. Pathetic fallacy is the attribution of human characteristics to inanimate objects of nature. For example, ‘The sombre clouds darkened our mood’ is pathetic fallacy, as human attributes of being ‘sombre’ has been given to ‘the clouds’ (an inanimate object of nature).	Writing Personification	Example	human verbs	The woods are disrobing their leaves ahead of their winter sleep.	human adjectives	Green-eyed jealousy will creep up on you.	Circle one word in each set of brackets to build a sentence with personification. My [angry / grey / morning] alarm [blasted / yelled / screeched] the time at me.
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19	Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity	Using commas for clarity is the practice of inserting punctuation to group words correctly and indicate pauses that prevent a reader from misinterpreting a sentence. Without these markers, words can "run together," causing the reader to link the wrong subjects or actions. For example, a comma can clarify whether you are talking to someone (direct address) or talking about them, ensuring the intended logic of the sentence remains intact. In practice, this technique acts as a guide for the reader's "inner voice," showing them where one idea ends and another begins. It is particularly essential in lists to keep items distinct and in "garden path" sentences where the beginning of the sentence might mislead the reader about its conclusion. By strategically placing a comma, you eliminate the mental "double-take" a reader has to perform when a sentence's meaning is otherwise blurred or unintentional.	<u>Direct Address (Talking to someone vs. about them)</u> • Without Comma: "I find inspiration in cooking my family and my dog." <i>Meaning:</i> You are a cannibal who cooks your relatives and pets. • With Comma: "I find inspiration in cooking, my family, and my dog." <i>Meaning:</i> You have three separate hobbies/passions. <u>The "Garden Path" (Misleading the reader)</u>						

- **Without Comma:** "While the man hunted the deer ran into the woods."

Meaning: It sounds like the man is hunting the deer until you hit the word "ran," which makes you restart the sentence.

- **With Comma:** "While the man hunted, the deer ran into the woods."

Meaning: The man was busy hunting (something else) while the deer made its escape.

Appositives (Renaming someone vs. listing people)

- **Without Comma:** "I want to thank my parents Tiffany and God."

Meaning: You are claiming that your parents are a woman named Tiffany and the Creator of the Universe.

- **With Comma:** "I want to thank my parents, Tiffany, and God."

Meaning: You are thanking four distinct entities.

Descriptive Clarity

- **Without Comma:** "The heavy metal door slammed."

Meaning: The door is made of "heavy metal" (like the music genre or a specific material type).

			• With Comma: "The heavy, metal door slammed." Meaning: The door is both heavy and made of metal.						
20	Number e.g. secondly ? Indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs (perhaps, surely) or modal verbs (might, should, would, will must)	Expressing degrees of possibility allows you to communicate how certain or uncertain you are about a situation. In English, we primarily use modal verbs and adverbs to navigate this spectrum, ranging from a "maybe" to a "definitely." Modal Verbs Modal verbs like <i>might</i>, <i>could</i>, <i>should</i>, and <i>must</i> function as "mood" setters for a sentence. They indicate the level of confidence the speaker has in a statement. For instance, might and could sit at the low end of the scale, suggesting a weak possibility. Moving up, should implies a strong expectation or probability, while must and will sit at the top, indicating near-certainty or a logical conclusion. Adverbs of Certainty Adverbs like <i>perhaps</i>, <i>possibly</i>, <i>probably</i>, and <i>surely</i> provide extra nuance and can be used alongside or instead of modals to fine-tune your meaning. Words like perhaps and maybe are often placed at the beginning of a sentence to soften a claim. Conversely, adverbs like definitely or certainly reinforce the strength of your conviction. Using these tools effectively helps avoid sounding too blunt or, conversely, too indecisive when sharing information.	Modal Verbs • Low Possibility: "It might rain later, so keep an eye on the sky." • High Probability: "They left an hour ago, so they should be here soon." • Certainty: "The lights are on; he must be home." Adverbs of Certainty • Uncertainty: "Perhaps we can reschedule the meeting for next Tuesday." • Strong Belief: "You surely don't believe that's the whole story?" • High Conviction: "The project will definitely be finished by the deadline."						
21	Use past perfect instead of simple past e.g. He had gone out to play rather	The Past Perfect tense is used to describe an action that was completed before another point in the past. While the Simple Past simply states that something happened (e.g., "He went out"), the Past Perfect (e.g., "He had gone out") acts like a "past before the past." It is essential for clarifying the sequence of events, ensuring the reader knows which action occurred first when discussing multiple past moments.	statement of fact to a sequence of events in the table below: <table><tr><th>Simple Past</th><th>Past Perfect</th><th>Contextual Difference</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Simple Past	Past Perfect	Contextual Difference			
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Examples of the Shift

To form the Past Perfect, use the auxiliary verb **had** followed by the **past participle** of the main verb.

She finished the report.	She had finished the report before the meeting started.	The Past Perfect shows the work was done <i>prior</i> to the meeting.
They ate dinner.	They had already ate dinner by the time I arrived.	The Past Perfect clarifies that the food was gone <i>before</i> I got there.