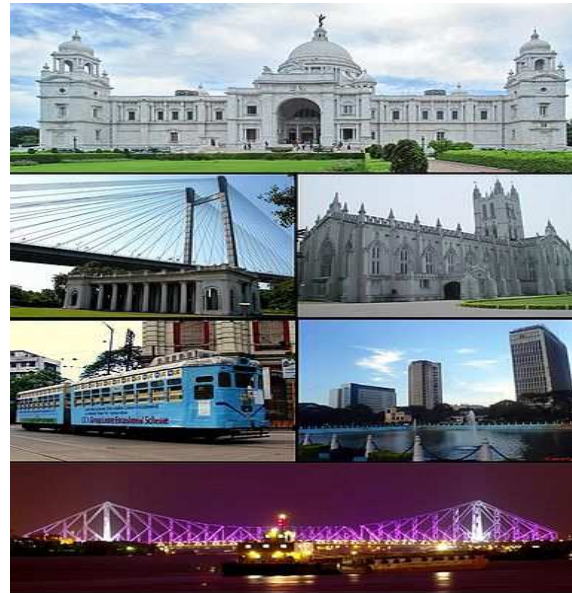


From Africa to Asia: Paco had been taking so many pictures



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The Past Perfect Progressive

The following pattern is used for the past perfect progressive positive sentences:

Subject + auxiliary verb (had) + past participle + verb taking -ing + complement(s)

Paco had been reading till late the night before.

Main uses of the Past Perfect Continuous Tense

USE 1. Duration Before Something in the Past:

They had been talking for over an hour before Paco arrived.

USE 2. Cause of Something in the Past:

Alex was tired because he had been jogging for a long time.

USE 3. Past of the Present Perfect Continuous tense in indirect speech

He said he had been drinking, Paul told me.

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Modal verbs

Modal verbs are special verbs which behave very differently from normal verbs.

1. Modal verbs do not take "-s" in the third person singular:
Paco can speak English.
2. You use "not" to make modal verbs negative:
You should not be late if you have an appointment.
3. Many modal verbs cannot be used in past or future tenses.

Modal verbs must, have to

Must

Necessity: *We must say thank you immediately.*

Prohibition: *They mustn't distract the children's attention.*

Obligation: *He must have stopped working by ten o'clock.*

Conclusion: *The hurricane consequences must have been terrible.*

Have to

Certainty: *That person at the door must be my father.*

Necessity: *He has to pass the exam if he wants to enter university.*

Do not have to suggests that someone is not required to do something.

Must not suggests that you are prohibited from doing something.

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Modal verbs can, could, may, might

Can

Ability: My son can drive very well.

Possibility: We can't make another appointment until next week.

Permission: Can I open the window now?

Request: Can you give me a hand with this, please?

Could

Permission: Could I borrow your History book?

Request: Could you say it again more slowly, please?

Suggestion: We could go for a walk now. It's sunny.

Future possibility: My friends think they could have another baby.

Ability in the past: He learned to drive a lorry so he could work for us.

May

Permission: May I go to the toilet, please?

Future possibility: India may become a major economic power in the future.

Might

Present possibility: We'd better call him later, he might be working now.

Future possibility: Your friend might let you take his car tonight.

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Shall

Offer: *Shall I help you with your homework?*

Suggestion: *Shall we say I take it for 20€ then?*

Asking what to do: *Shall I prepare the meal now or will you?*

Should

Saying what's right or correct: *We should take a decision at once.*

Recommendation: *I think we should start revising everything again.*

Uncertain prediction: *According to the Government, prices should rise next year.*

Advice: *Your father should give up smoking soon.*

Will

Instant decisions: *I can't wait any longer so I'll walk home.*

Offer: *I'll cook for you if you like.*

Promise: *Don't worry. I'll be back soon.*

Certain prediction: *Taxes will increase next year.*

Would

Asking for permission: *Would you mind if I close the window now?*

Request: *Would you pass the pepper please?*

Making arrangements: *Would three o'clock suit you? It's not too early.*

Invitation: *Would you like to come to the cinema with me?*

Preferences: *Would you prefer black coffee or white coffee?*

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Phonetics: /e/, /ə/, /ɜ:/

- 1) Its vowel height is close-mid, which means the tongue is positioned halfway between a close vowel and a mid vowel.
- 2) Its vowel backness is front, which means the tongue is positioned as far forward as possible in the mouth without creating a constriction that would be classified as a consonant.
- 3) Its vowel roundedness is unrounded, which means that the lips are not rounded.

get, said, bed, head, bet, pencil, men, negative, friend

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sister, another, teenager, again, mother

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- 1) Its vowel height is open-mid, which means the tongue is positioned halfway between an open vowel and mid vowel.
- 2) Its vowel backness is central, which means the tongue is positioned halfway between a front vowel and a back vowel.
- 3) Its vowel roundedness is unrounded, which means that the lips are not rounded.

furniture, worm, surname, third, journey, perfect, church, dirty, firm

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