

Unit 4 : Section B

THAT'S INCREDIBLE!

I/ VOCABULARY:

1	tortoise	/ 'tɔ:təs /	(n)	a slow-moving animal with a shell
2	unbelievable	/ʌnbɪ'li:vəbl /	(a)	extremely surprising, unable to be believed because unlikely
3	crawl	/ krɔ:l /	(v)	to move slowly
4	balcony	/ 'bælkəni /		platform built out from a building
5	apartment	/ə'pɑ:tmənt /	(n)	a set of rooms for living in, especially on one floor of a building
6	damage	/ 'dæmɪdʒ /	(v)	to harm or spoil something
7	rescue	/ 'reskju: /	(v)	to help someone or something out of a dangerous, harmful or unpleasant situation
8	conquer	/ 'kɒŋkə /	(v)	to take control or possession of foreign land, or a group of people, by force
9	injure	/ 'ɪndʒər /	(v)	to hurt or cause physical harm to a person or animal
	injury	/ 'ɪndʒəri /	(n)	
	injured	/ 'ɪndʒəd /	(a)	
10	shift	/ ʃɪft /	(n)	a period of work or duty during the day or night
11	hit	/ hɪt /	(v)	to come into contact with force
12	owner	/ 'əʊnə /	(n)	the person to whom s.th belongs
13	share	/ ʃeə /	(v)	to tell s.o s.th personal
14	fall out of the sky		(phr)	to fall from above
15	lying on the ground		(phr)	being in a flat position on the street

II/ EVERYDAY ENGLISH :

- 1/ Please continue = Go on
- 2/ I don't believe it = That's unbelievable
- 3/ Did you know them? = Who were they?
- 4/ I can understand this = I'm not surprised

III/ GRAMMAR:

1. Past perfect:

Form:	had + V ₃ /V _{ed}
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We use the past perfect:

- a) for an action which finished before another past action or before a stated time in the past.
Eg. : Jenny had eaten her lunch by 2 o'clock.
Mike had already left when we arrived at the party
- b) for an action which finished in the past and whose result was visible at a later point in the past.
Eg. : He had broken his leg and it was still hurting.
- c) for a general situation in the past
Eg. : Everything had seemed normal at first.

Time expressions :

before, after, already, just, for, since, till/ until, when, by the time, never...

2. Past perfect progressive:

Form:	had been + V-ing
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We use the past perfect progressive:

- a) to put emphasis on the duration of an action which started and finished in the past, before another action or stated time in the past, usually with for or since.
Eg. : He had been driving for an hour when he realized he was on the wrong road.
- b) for an action which lasted for some time in the past and whose result was visible in the past.
Eg. : Her clothes were wet because she had been walking in the rain.

Time expressions :

for, since, how long, before, until....

IV/ GIVING / REACTING TO NEWS :

Giving news	Reacting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did you hear that ... ?• Listen to this.• You won't believe this!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wow! Really?• That's unbelievable / great!• Really? Oh dear!• That's terrible!

V/ LISTENING FOR IDEAS :

Listen to the story about the brother who rescued his sister from a fire. Make notes about

when/where it happened	who was involved	how the fire started
Last night, 10 Harrow Road, West London	Simon Graves and his sister, Katy	a window had blown open and had knocked over a candle
what had happened		how the people felt
Simon ran upstairs to rescue his sister in her bedroom. He broke the bedroom window and climbed down a tree with Katy on his back. Then he called the firefighters on his cell phone. The firefighters put out the fire quickly, but the house was badly damaged.		They were both fine but shocked.

VI/ PROJECT :

Use your notes from Ex. 10 to act out an interview, in pairs.

A: Good evening, Simon. I'm a reporter from ABC news. Can you tell me what happened?

B: Well, last night, I had just finished washing the dishes when I smelled smoke. I went into the living room and saw it was on fire.

A: Wow! What did you do?

B: I ran upstairs to get my sister Katy, who had been playing in her bedroom. I broke her window and we climbed down the big tree outside.

A: That's unbelievable! How do you feel now?

B: Well, I'm still a bit shocked!

A: I'm not surprised! What a story, Simon! Thank you for sharing it!