

14 Love you and leave you

Past Perfect • Reported statements • Saying goodbye

STARTER

Match the lines about John and Mary.

They met each other	every week.
They've known each other	when they met.
They see each other	for a long time.
They were living in New York	a long time ago.
They had never been to New York	before.

A LOVE STORY

Past Perfect

1 Texts **A** and **B** are summaries of a magazine love story. Read and compare them.

One Short Hot Summer

by Carmen Day

A The story so far ...

Saskia met Bradley at a party one Saturday night in June. They fell in love and got married the following Saturday. After the wedding, Bradley moved into Saskia's flat. Saskia rang her parents and told them that she was married. They were furious.

Unfortunately, after a few months, Bradley began to behave very strangely and his marriage to Saskia started to go wrong ...

B The story so far ...

Saskia and Bradley got married one Saturday in June. They had met only one week earlier at a party and had fallen in love. After the wedding, Saskia rang her parents and told them that she was married, and that Bradley had moved into her flat. They were furious.

Unfortunately, after a few months, their marriage started to go wrong. Bradley had begun to behave very strangely ...

GRAMMAR SPOT

- In which text are the events of the story told in chronological order? What tense are *all* the verbs in this text?
- How is this idea expressed in text B?
They met at a party and fell in love.
Which two tenses are used in text B?
- What's the difference between these sentences?
When we arrived | they were leaving.
 | they left.
 | they had left.

▶▶ Grammar Reference 14.1 p142

- T 14.1** Read and listen to text B on p110 and underline all the examples of the Past Perfect. Read the text aloud and pay attention to contracted forms.
- Are the following statements about Saskia and Bradley true (✓) or false (X)? Correct the false ones.
 - When Saskia and Bradley got married, they had known each other for a year.
 - When Saskia told her parents about the wedding, Bradley had already moved into her flat.
 - Her parents were angry because she hadn't phoned them for a long time.
 - The marriage started to go wrong, and then Bradley began to behave very strangely.



PRACTICE

Speaking

- The story continues. Work with a partner. Tell the story in the order of the pictures.
 - On Friday evening when Bradley returned from work, he ... his suitcase.



2 Then he ...



3 and ...



4 Saskia ... home.



- Which of these sentences is true? Explain why.
When Saskia arrived home, Bradley | was packing.
 | packed.
 | had packed.
- Tell the story again, but begin at picture 4.
When Saskia arrived home, Bradley ...

Grammar and pronunciation

4 Make sentences from the chart below.

I	was in a mess		I	had	fallen over playing football.
Our teacher	hurt				done the homework.
My leg	died	because	I		passed all my exams.
The plants	was delighted		we		had a party the night before.
The house	was angry			hadn't	forgotten to water them.
	was hungry				had a busy day.
	went to bed early				had any breakfast.

T 14.2 Listen and check. Practice saying the sentences.

5 The *had* in the Past Perfect tense is often contracted.

I'd passed my exams. (The 'd is sometimes difficult to hear.)

(*'d* is also the contracted form of *would*: *I'd like to come.*)

T 14.3 Listen to the sentences. Put a tick (✓) if the sentence contains *had*. Put a cross (✗) if it doesn't.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6 Put the verbs into the correct tense, Past Simple or Past Perfect.

The story continues ...

Saskia (1) _____ (read) Bradley's letter and then she (2) _____ (walk) slowly into the kitchen.

Earlier that day she (3) _____ (buy) his favourite food for dinner, now she (4) _____ (throw) it into the rubbish bin. Why (5) _____ he _____ (do) this to her? She remembered how happy they (6) _____ (be) in the beginning. They (7) _____ (laugh) a lot then. Saskia (8) _____ (feel) desperate.

One hour later the phone (9) _____ (ring) in the flat ...

7 Read the end of the story. What happened before? Write your ideas in groups.

The end of the story

Bradley took Saskia in his arms and said, 'Forgive me, my darling. I'm so happy we're together again – this time it's forever!'



WHAT DID SHE SAY?

Reported statements

- 1 **T 14.4** Listen and complete what Mary says about John in A.

A What does Mary say?

'I _____ John very much.'
 'We _____ six months ago.'
 'I _____ in love before.'
 'We _____ very happy.'
 'I _____ him forever.'
 'I _____ him this evening.'

- 2 **T 14.5** Read and listen to B.

B What did Mary tell you?

She told me/said that ...
 she loved John very much.
 they had met six months ago.
 she had never been in love before.
 they were very happy.
 she would love him forever.
 she was seeing him that evening.

GRAMMAR SPOT

- A is direct speech. B is reported speech. What are the tense changes from direct to reported speech?
- How are *say* and *tell* used to introduce reported speech?

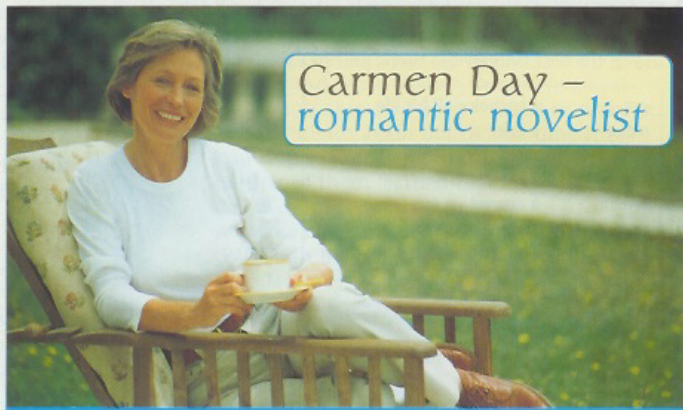
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- 3 Practise the sentences using contracted forms where possible.

PRACTICE

An interview

- 1 **T 14.6** Listen to an interview with the writer Carmen Day, who wrote *One Short Hot Summer*.
- 2 Complete this report of the interview with the correct verb forms.



In an interview Carmen said she (1) had written another romantic novel because she (2) _____ romantic fiction easy to write, but that her next novel (3) _____ something different, possibly a detective story.

Carmen said that the character of Bradley (4) _____ on her first husband, Clive Maingay, the actor, who (5) _____ her very unhappy. But she added that she (6) _____ now married to Tony Marsh, the politician. She said that they (7) _____ married for nearly ten years and that they (8) _____ very happy together.

She told me that she (9) _____ now _____ five novels and also that she (10) _____ three stories for children. She said she (11) _____ never stop writing, not even when she (12) _____ an old lady.

- T 14.7** Listen and check.

Check it

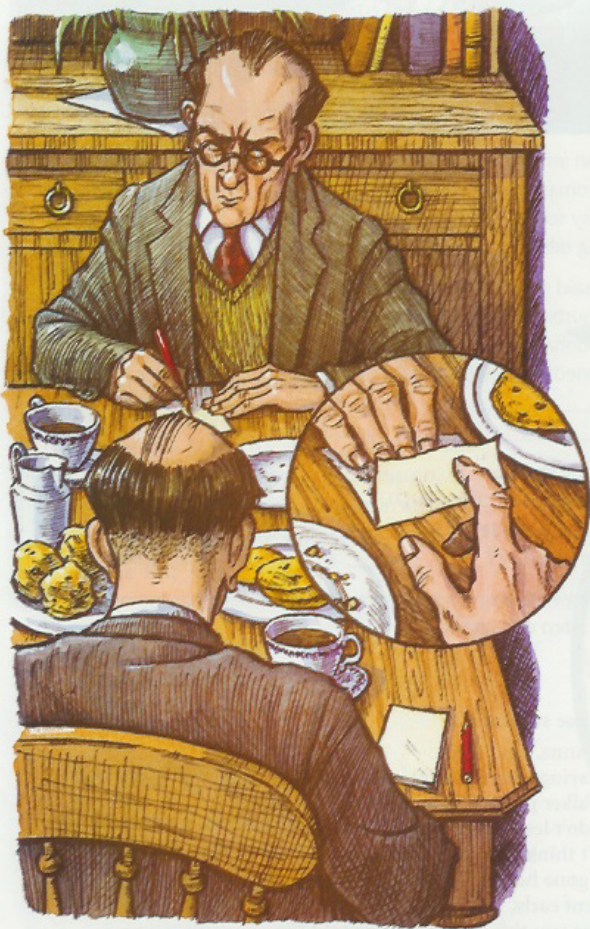
- 3 Report these statements.
- 'I like Anna,' said Jim.
 - 'I'm staying with my aunt,' said Anna.
 - 'Mr Walker phoned before lunch,' Sue said.
'He didn't leave a message,' she added.
 - 'I don't think it'll rain,' said Ken.
 - 'Ken's gone home,' Sue said.
'He went early,' she added.
 - 'I'll ring you this evening,' Anna told Jim.

READING AND SPEAKING

The tale of two silent brothers

- 1 Sometimes in families there are arguments and family members don't speak to each other for a long time. Has this ever happened to anyone you know?
- 2 You are going to read about two brothers who didn't speak to each other for many years. These expressions are in the text. Match the verbs and phrases.

get	a bachelor all his life
make	a coin
have	revenge
see	a will
remain	a quarrel
toss	and make up
kiss	a solicitor about something



- 3 Read the first part of the story.

PART ONE | A death in the family

There were once two brothers, John and Robert Hessian. John was 52 years old, Robert 49. They had never married and they lived together in a house in Oldcastle in the north of England. They lived together, they ate meals together but they never spoke a single word to each other. They hadn't spoken to each other for ten years, ever since they had had a quarrel. Whenever they wanted to communicate they wrote notes.



One evening the brothers were sitting together after supper. They were both wearing black because their older sister, Mary, had recently died. John wrote a note to Robert: *Mr Liversage is coming to visit.* (Mr Liversage was their solicitor.) Robert wrote: *Why?*

John wrote: *I don't know. He phoned and said that he wanted to see us.*

At that moment there was a knock at the door. It was the solicitor, Mr Powell Liversage. He had been to school with the brothers and was an old friend. He too was unmarried.

'How are you, Powell?' asked Robert.

'Very well,' he replied. 'I've come to tell you about your sister's will. Did you know that she had left a will?'

'No,' answered John and Robert together. 'How much did she leave?'

'£12,000. But let me read you the will.'



What do you think?

Discuss these questions with a partner before you read part two.

Why do you think the brothers quarrelled? Do you think they quarrelled about:

- money? • the house? • a woman?

What do you think is in the will? Do you think:

- the sister leaves the brothers £6,000 each?
- she leaves all the money to one brother? Which one?
- she leaves them the money on certain conditions? What conditions?

4 Read part two and find out if your ideas are correct.

PART TWO | The will

Mr Liversage took the will out of his pocket and began to read.

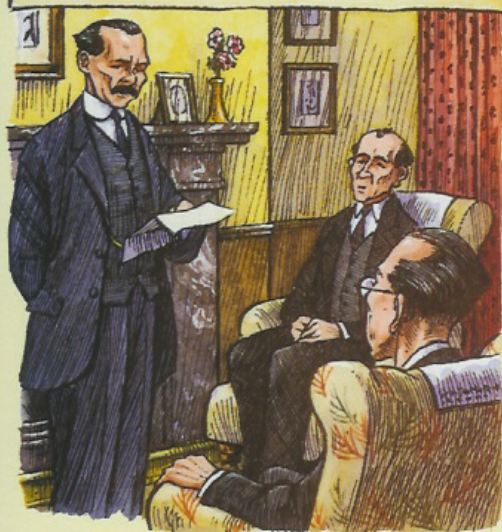
Last Will and Testament of Mary Hessian

To my dear brothers John and Robert:

You have both behaved very stupidly. I have never understood why you quarrelled about Annie Emery. You have been cruel and unfair to poor Annie. She has waited ten years for one of you. So, John, if you marry Annie, I'll give all my money to you. And Robert, if you marry her, I'll give it to you. And, if neither of you marries her, all my money will go to Annie, herself.

Your ever-loving sister

Mary



What do you think?

Discuss these questions as a class before you read part three.

- What do you think will happen?
- What will John and Robert do?
- Who will marry Annie?

5 Read part three and find out if your ideas are correct.

PART THREE | To marry or not to marry?

The two brothers sat and thought for a long time. Ten years ago when Annie was a young woman of 27, both John and Robert had been in love with her. They had had a violent quarrel and some terrible things were said. Afterwards they had both wanted to make up and be friends again but by this time they had stopped speaking to each other, so neither of them learned that the other had decided not to marry Annie.

At two o'clock in the morning John spoke: 'Why don't we toss a coin for Annie? Heads or tails?'

'Tails,' said Robert. But it was heads. The next evening John went round to Annie's house. Powell Liversage was just leaving when he arrived.



So in the end neither brother married Annie. They are still bachelors to this day, but at least they are now talking to each other again. And Annie? Well, she got her revenge and now she's very happily married.

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What do you think?

Discuss these questions with a partner. Then tell the class your ideas.

- What happened when John went to Annie's house?
- Why didn't Annie marry either brother?
- Who did she marry?
- Who got the money?

Your teacher will tell you what actually happened.

Language work

Complete the sentences using the Past Perfect.

- 1 John and Robert didn't speak to each other because ...
- 2 They were wearing black because ...
- 3 They didn't know that their sister ...
- 4 Mary said in her will that ...
- 5 When Annie was 27, both brothers ...
- 6 Annie told John that she wouldn't marry him or his brother because ...

LISTENING AND VOCABULARY

Talk to me

- T 14.8** Close your books and your eyes and listen to a song. What is it about?
- Work with a partner. Complete the song, choosing the best word on the right for each line.

Talk to me by Bruce Springsteen

Well, every night I see a _____ up in your window
But every night you won't _____ the door
But although you won't _____ let me in
From the street I can see your _____ sitting close to him

light man
come to answer
never ever
silhouette shadow

What must I do?
What does it take
To get you to

Talk to me
Until the night is over
Talk to me
Well until the night is over, yeah yeah yeah
I got a full week's _____
And baby I've been working hard _____ day
I'm not _____ for the world, you see
I'm just asking, girl
Talk to me

pay stay
all each
asking looking

Well late at night I hear music that
 you're playing _____ and low
Yes and late at night I see the two of
 you _____, so close
I don't understand darling, what was
 my _____?
Why am I down here below _____
 you're up there with him?

soft loud
sitting swaying
mistake sin
while when

What did I do?
What did I say?
What must I pay
to get you to
talk to me

- T 14.8** Listen again and check.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Saying goodbye

1 Match the sentences with the correct photos.



- 1 'Goodbye! Have a safe journey. Send us a postcard!'
- 2 'Goodbye. Thank you for a lovely evening.' 'You must come to us next time.'
- 3 'Goodbye. It has been most interesting talking to you. We'll let you know by post.'
- 4 'Bye! See you later. Are you doing anything tonight?'
- 5 'Bye-bye! Thank you very much for having me.'
- 6 'Goodbye. Here's my number. Please get in touch if you have any problems with it.'
- 7 'Goodbye! Drive carefully and call us when you get there!'
- 8 'Goodbye! Good luck in the future. I've really enjoyed our lessons together!'



2 **T 14.9** Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.

3 Make more conversations for these situations:

- parents saying goodbye to son/daughter leaving home to share a flat with friends
- saying goodbye to friends after spending a holiday with them
- saying goodbye to your teacher/boss after finishing school/work on Friday
- saying goodbye to teachers/schoolfriends when you leave school