

Energy 3 Unit 6

Guess what happened before

TEACHER'S NOTES

Time	15–20 minutes
Interaction	Pairs and groups of 4
Preparation	Photocopy worksheet
Aim	To practise past perfect to describe events that happened before later, connected events

Procedure

- Tell students they are going to work as detectives and guess what happened before some events.
- Put students into pairs and give worksheets out. Demonstrate task with first scenario. Explain that when they walked into another lesson this morning, the teacher shouted at them. They have to guess what had happened before.
- Elicit a few possibilities, for example, *The teacher had told the student not to be late again.* Or *The teacher had had some bad news.* Note: tell students that the events before can be positive or negative, as in the example above.
- Tell students to read through any scenarios and check any vocabulary they don't know.
- Set time limit of 10 minutes to think of what had happened before. Monitor and help students with unknown words, and note any language problems for error correction later.
- Regroup students into groups of four. Students take turns to read out their version of what had happened in each case. The others listen and say what they think is the connected event. When they have finished they can compare their versions and discuss if their reasons are similar or different.

Feedback: ask the students to tell you the strangest or most interesting versions they heard. You can do some correction work on tenses here, if appropriate.

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What happened?	What had happened before?
Your teacher shouted at you when you walked into the classroom today.	
Your mum phoned you up and asked why you weren't at home.	
When you got home last night the door was open and lots of things were not there.	
When you got home from school, all your friends were at your house.	
Your friend e-mailed you to say 'Congratulations!'	
A man stopped you when you were leaving a shop.	
There were lots of police officers at the bus station this morning.	
The head of your school came and asked you to go to his office.	