

# Unit 1

**fear** [fɪə]  
**scare** [skeə]  
**scary** ['skeəri]  
**coffin** ['kɒfɪn]

Note that we normally ask questions with the verb 'be afraid' rather than 'fear'.

**What can people have a fear of?** *People can have a fear of flying / losing a job / certain animals.*

**Which do you think the average person fears more: death or the unknown?** *I think the average person fears the unknown more than death.*

**Do schoolchildren sometimes fear to tell their parents the truth about school marks?** *Yes, schoolchildren sometimes fear to tell their parents the truth about school marks.*

**Why do some people fear dogs?** *Some people fear dogs perhaps because they've been scared seriously by one.*

**Do you scare easily?** *Yes, I scare easily.*

**Would it be scary if you woke up and found out you were lying in a coffin?** *Yes, it would be scary if I woke up and found out I was lying in a coffin.*

**invent** [ɪn'vent]  
**invention** [ɪn'venʃn]  
**inventor** [ɪn'ventə]  
**light bulb** [laɪt bʌlb]

**Who invented the toothbrush?** *The Chinese invented the toothbrush.*

**Who was the inventor of the light bulb?** *T.A. Edison was the inventor of the light bulb.*

**Why is the Internet a useful invention?** *The Internet is a useful invention because it helps us find necessary information quickly.*





How has the invention of digital cameras changed the way people take photos?

*The invention of digital cameras has changed the way people take photos by encouraging them to take as many photos as they can.*

Do you think we would all have more or less free time if the mobile phone had not been invented?

*I think we would all have less free time if the mobile phone had not been invented.*

nappy (BrE) / diaper (AmE) ['næpi / 'daɪəpə]

crawl [krɔ:l]

cloth [klɒθ]

rubber ['rʌbə]

training wheels ['treɪnɪŋ wi:lz]

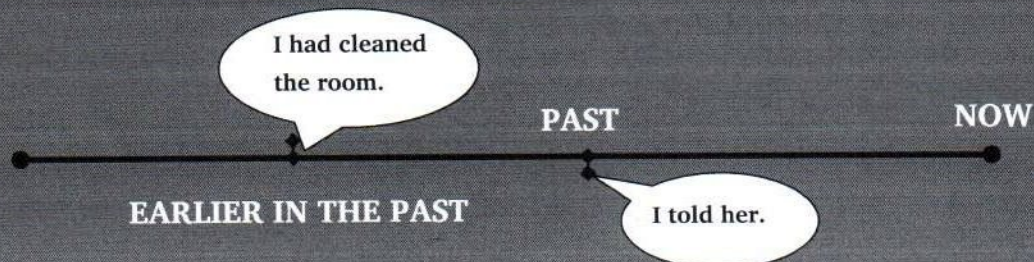
disposable [dɪ'spəʊzəbl]

## past perfect

We use the **past perfect** when we want to show that one action happened before another in the past.

We use **had + past participle** to make this tense.

For example: *I told her that I had cleaned the room.*



**Fill in the gaps in the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

1. He (work) ... *had worked* ... for Nokia before they moved to Singapore.
2. They (study) ..... hard before they passed the exams.
3. .... John ..... (brush) his teeth before he had breakfast?
4. She (call) ..... Susan before she decided to visit her.
5. Peter (not be) ..... to Sweden before they went there last year.
6. I (print) ..... the document in two copies before I (give) ..... it to George.



Had you learnt to ride a bicycle before you learnt to drive a car?	<i>Yes, I had learnt to ride a bicycle before I learnt to drive a car.</i>
Had you ridden your bike with training wheels before you learnt to ride on two wheels?	<i>Yes, I had ridden my bike with training wheels before I learnt to ride on two wheels.</i>
Had you learnt to walk before you learnt to crawl?	<i>No, I hadn't learnt to walk before I learnt to crawl. First, I learnt to crawl.</i>
Had we done Book 2 before we started studying from Book 4?	<i>Yes, we had done Book 2 before we started studying from Book 4.</i>
What kind of nappies had parents used before disposable nappies were invented?	<i>Parents had used cloth nappies (for example made of cotton) before disposable nappies were invented.</i>
What things besides nappies are made to be disposable?	<i>For example, rubber gloves and razors are made to be disposable.</i>

**take off** [teɪk 'ɒf]  
**crash** [kræʃ]

When do most plane crashes happen?	<i>Most plane crashes happen when planes take off or land.</i>
Are you usually a little scared when the plane is about to take off?	<i>Yes, I'm usually a little scared when the plane is about to take off.</i>
What would you do if you saw two cars crash into each other?	<i>If I saw two cars crash into each other, I'd first call the police and then I'd try to help.</i>
Why do car crashes happen so often on roads in some countries?	<i>I think car crashes happen so often on roads in some countries because the roads are bad and narrow while the traffic's quite heavy.</i>

**land** [lænd]  
**earth** [ɜ:θ]  
**space** [speɪs]  
**relieve** [rɪ'li:v]  
**let** [let]

After a long flight are most passengers relieved to feel the earth beneath their feet?	<i>Yes, after a long flight most passengers are relieved to feel the earth beneath their feet.</i>
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**What do sailors shout when the ship approaches land?**

*When the ship approaches land, sailors shout 'Land ahoy!'*

**Why do they build underground car parks in city centres?**

*They build underground car parks in city centres because there is little parking space in towns.*

**Is there much office space to let in this city?**

*I don't know whether there's much office space to let in this city.*

**How much do they let a square metre of office space for?**

*I think they let a square metre of office space for €100.*

**Which is the largest land animal you have ever seen?**

*The largest land animal I have ever seen is the elephant.*

**Why do you think some people believe it's worth dying for one's land?**

*I think some people believe it's worth dying for one's land because land is the only thing that lasts.*

**Is the price of land constantly growing?**

*Yes, the price of land is constantly growing.*

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