***CONVERSATION CLUB***

**LESSON 15**

**Topic: “Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous”**

**Objective:** Students will be introduced to the topics “Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous”, through a fill-in-the-blanks exercise and a speaking activity.

Warm-up**:**

**Past Perfect: Form**

It is made with the auxiliary verb ***had*+ past participle**

**Positive statement:** *I had travelled, He had done*.  
**Negative statement:** *I had not done (I hadn't done)*  
**Question form:** *Had I done?*   
 **Use**

**1.** We use the past perfect simple tenseto make it clear that **an event was completed before another event.**

*- The door bell rang at last. I had been in the room since breakfast.* (The bell rang at noon. I came in the morning - before that.)  
*- When I arrived there Sarah had already left.* (I arrived after lunch. Sara went home before lunch.)  
*- I was so hungry! I had not eaten anything since the morning.* (It was late at night.)

**2.** It is used to refer to activities that were completed before a point of time.

## *- In 2005 I had lived in the same place for ten years. Had you ever travelled by plane before your holiday in Spain?*

## Signal Words

* already, just, never, not yet, once, until that day (with reference to the past, not the present)

### Past Perfect Continuous:

### The past perfect progressive puts emphasis on the course or duration of an action taking place before a certain time in the past.

## Form

* A: He had been talking.
* N: He had not been talking.
* Q: Had he been talking?

## Use

* action taking place before a certain time in the past
* sometimes interchangeable with past perfect simple
* puts emphasis on the course or duration of an action

## signal words

* for, since, the whole day, all day

***Note:*** *The past perfect continous and the present perfect continuous are basically very similar. The difference is, however, that in the present perfect we refer to the****present****times.*

#### Activity 1: Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense (past perfect simple or continuous.)

1. I (try)  to get tickets for that play for months before my friend finally got them.
2. When I arrived at the theater, my friend (pick, already)  up the tickets.
3. He was really angry because he (wait)  for more than half an hour when I arrived.
4. When the play started, I (already, apologize)  to my friend.
5. We (watch)  the play when the lights went off.

**Activity 2: Boardgame – Speaking Activity**

Helpful Sources: <http://www.e-grammar.org/past-perfect-simple-continuous/>