

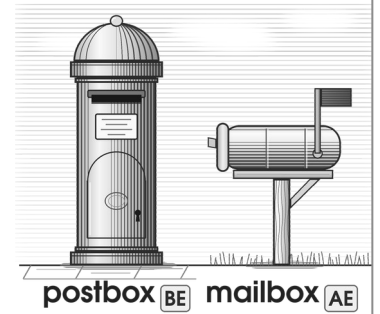
Englischarbeit Klasse 8

Thema: American and British English – past perfect

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Read Maisie's blog. Then do tasks 1 and 2.

Trunks, pants and a lot of tea – a British girl in Boston

Last October, Maisie Holt (14) from Leeds spent two weeks with the Carter family in Boston, Massachusetts. Here are some entries from her travel blog.

Monday: I had never travelled on my own before, so I was really nervous when my plane landed at Boston Logan Airport. Luckily, Mrs Carter and my host sister Kayla were already waiting for me. When we got to their car, I asked Kayla to open the boot. She laughed and said, "You mean the trunk!" That was the first of many new words. The Carters live in an apartment in an old brick house. Kayla had told me in an email that her room was on the second floor, so I carried my heavy suitcase up two flights of stairs. Wrong! In America, the ground floor is called the first floor, so Kayla's room was only one floor up.

Wednesday: Today Kayla showed me downtown Boston. We walked along the Freedom Trail, a red line on the sidewalk that leads you to 16 historic places. At the harbour, Kayla told me about the Boston Tea Party. The British government had put a tax on tea, and the people of Boston were angry because nobody had asked them. So on a cold night in December 1773, a group of men threw 342 chests of British tea into the sea. As a true Brit I had to say: "What a waste of good tea!"

Saturday: Mr Carter took us to a baseball game at Fenway Park. It opened in 1912 and is the oldest major league ballpark in the USA. I had never watched baseball before, and at first I didn't understand anything. When I asked for chips, I got a bag of crisps – in America, our chips are called French fries. The home team lost, but it was still great fun.

Tuesday: Kayla took me to her high school. There are no school uniforms, and everybody has their own locker. At lunch, Kayla told me that she had spilled ketchup on her pants. I was shocked – until I remembered that in America, pants are trousers! After school we took the T, Boston's subway. It opened in 1897 and is the oldest subway in America. But I had to tell Kayla that London had already opened its Underground 34 years earlier.

Thursday: I'm flying home tomorrow. I'll miss the Carters a lot – but my mum will be happy: I've bought her a box of Boston tea. Don't worry, it hasn't been thrown into the sea!

Vocabulary: *brick* – Ziegel · *flight of stairs* – Treppe · *tax* – Steuer · *chest* – Kiste · *to spill* – verschütten · *locker* – Schließfach

1 Reading: Right, wrong or not in the text?

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b) Kayla's room is on the ground floor of the house.	☐	☐	☐
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d) The Boston Tea Party took place on a hot summer night.	☐	☐	☐
e) Kayla plays baseball in her school team.	☐	☐	☐
f) At Kayla's high school, all students wear a school uniform.	☐	☐	☐

Corrections:

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2 Reading: Questions on the text

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

a) Why did Maisie carry her heavy suitcase up too many stairs?

b) Why were the people of Boston angry in 1773, and what did some of them do?

c) Why was Maisie shocked at lunch, and why was there no reason to be shocked?

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3 Vocabulary: American and British English

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AE	BE

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c) Is that one of your T-shirts?

d) Two neighbours of theirs have bought a house in Florida.

e) One of our uncles has never been to the USA.

f) A classmate of mine had never eaten a real American burger before.

g) Is this one of his old baseball caps?

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5 Grammar: Simple past and past perfect

Join the sentences with the word in brackets. Use the past perfect for the action that happened first.

- a) Maisie packed her suitcase. Then she said goodbye to her parents. **(after)**

- b) Maisie fell asleep. Then the film on the plane started. **(when ... already)**

- c) Maisie didn't have any dollars. She forgot to change money at home. **(because)**

- d) Kayla never tasted real English tea before. She liked it at once. **(but)**

- e) Kayla's brother left his phone on the bus. He couldn't call his mom. **(so)**

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6 Grammar: Past perfect

Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect in each sentence.

- a) When Maisie got to the bus stop, _____

- b) Mrs Carter was angry because _____

- c) _____, so the Carters were very hungry.

- d) After _____, Maisie and Kayla went to bed.

- e) _____ before she flew to Boston.

Well done!

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Insgesamt sind 43 Punkte erreichbar, halbe Punkte sind möglich.

Note 1	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4	Note 5	Note 6
43–39 P.	38,5–34,5 P.	34–28 P.	27,5–21,5 P.	21–13 P.	12,5–0 P.

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Corrections:

- b) Her room is one floor up (on the American second floor / British first floor).
- d) It took place on a cold night in December (1773).
- f) There are no school uniforms at Kayla's school.

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2 Reading: Questions on the text

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- a) Why did Maisie carry her heavy suitcase up too many stairs?
Kayla had written that her room was on the second floor. Maisie thought of the British second floor (two floors up). But in America the ground floor is the first floor, so the room was only one floor up.
- b) Why were the people of Boston angry in 1773, and what did some of them do?
The British government had put a tax on tea, and nobody had asked the people of Boston. So a group of men threw 342 chests of British tea into the sea (the Boston Tea Party).
- c) Why was Maisie shocked at lunch, and why was there no reason to be shocked?
Kayla said that she had spilled ketchup on her pants. In Britain, pants are underwear, but in America the word means trousers.

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cookie	biscuit
fall	autumn
garbage	rubbish
movie theater	cinema
parking lot	car park
cell phone	mobile (phone)

AE	BE
truck	lorry
to stand in line	to queue
schedule	timetable
candy	sweets
highway / freeway	motorway
gas / gasoline	petrol

Die Wörter aus dem Kasten sind fett gedruckt. Auch richtig: *trash* (AE) für *garbage*; *cellphone*; *movie theatre*.

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When the film on the plane started, Maisie had already fallen asleep.
- c) Maisie didn't have any dollars. She forgot to change money at home. **(because)**
Maisie didn't have any dollars because she had forgotten to change money at home.
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Kayla had never tasted real English tea before, but she liked it at once.
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Kayla's brother had left his phone on the bus, so he couldn't call his mom.

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Beispiellösungen; jede sinnvolle Ergänzung mit richtig gebildetem past perfect ist richtig.

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- b) Mrs Carter was angry because the children hadn't taken out the garbage.
- c) They hadn't eaten anything all day, so the Carters were very hungry.
- d) After they had watched a film, Maisie and Kayla went to bed.
- e) Maisie had never been to America before she flew to Boston.

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