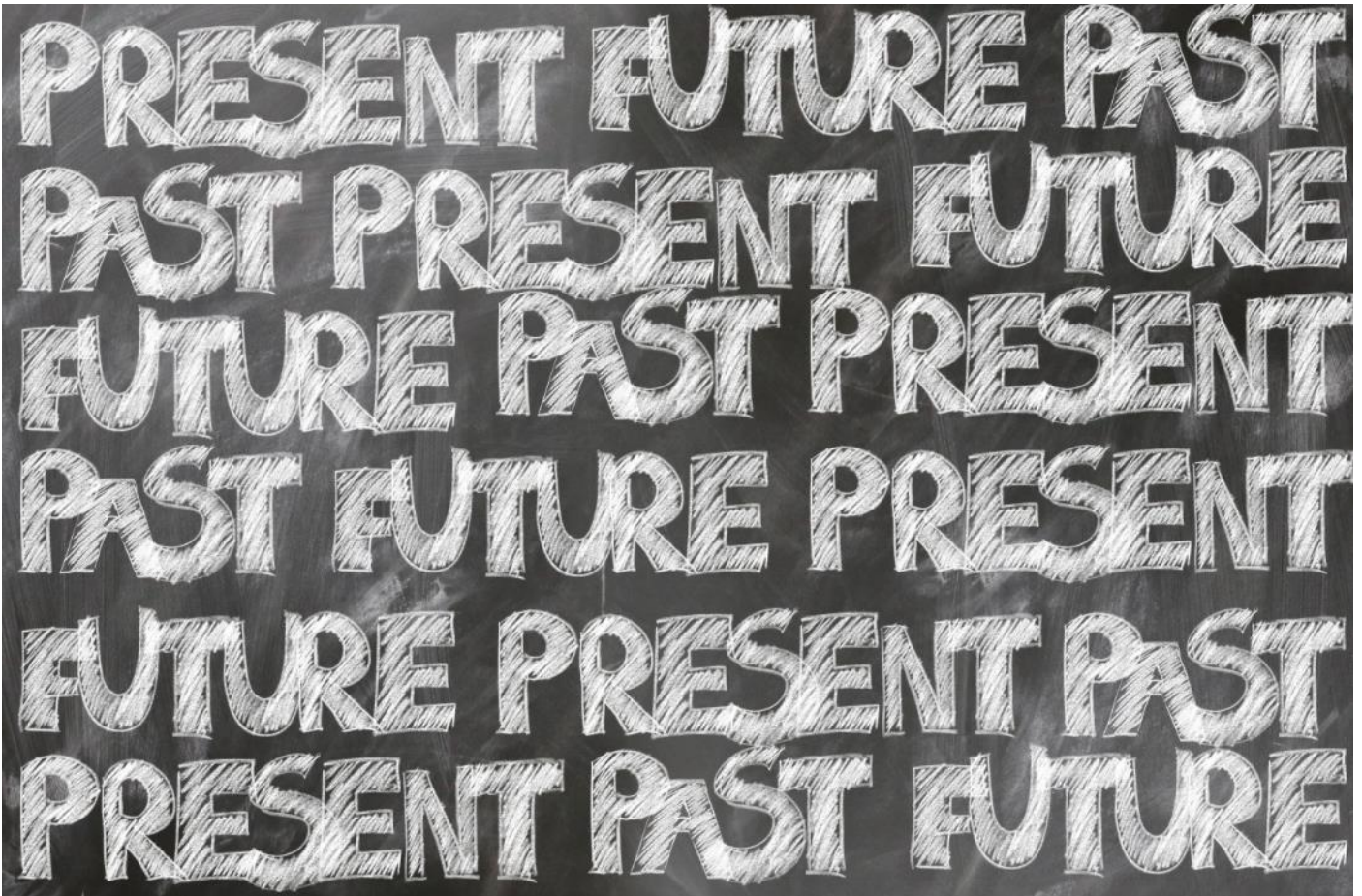


# Language Life Support



What you need to know to clarify  
the most common structures in  
English

	<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b> example sentences and form	meaning / use	pronunciation
+	<p>I'd been waiting for an hour when she arrived.</p> <p>When we got off the plane, we saw it had been raining.</p>	<p>action or state that began before another action or time in the past and continued up to it</p>	<p>I'd been waiting for an hour when she arrived.</p> <p>When we got off the plane, we saw it'd been raining.</p> <p>Contraction of subject and had I'd, He'd etc. Been often weak /bɪn/</p>
-	<p>We hadn't been living there long when it happened.</p>	<p>action or state that began before another action or time in the past and continued up to it</p>	<p>We hadn't been living there long when it happened.</p> <p>Contraction of had not = hadn't. Stress on the auxiliary in the negative. been often weak and pronounced more like /bɪn/</p>
?	<p>Had she been working for them a long time when she was fired?</p>	<p>action or state that began before another action or time in the past and continued up to it</p>	<p>Had she been working for them a long time?</p> <p>Auxiliary verb had is weak and often has the h dropped. /ədi:/</p>

1. I'd been waiting for an hour when she arrived.

How many actions in the sentence? (2)

Are they both in the past? (Y)

Are talking about a finished time period? (Y)

Which action is longer? (waiting)

Did it happen before or after she arrived? (before)

Did the waiting finish before she arrived? (N)

