

Building English KnowledgeFact-Opinion-Belief

Let the water flow

Mankind has always looked to nature as a source of wisdom through the subtleties of its actions like the flow of its essence across terrains. In water, we often find peace through its versatility and physical essence.

You see, water is not in any hurry to reach an ultimate destination - for it knows such a place does not exist. It understands that being softly deliberate, gently intentional and quietly unfailing, it will always reach the next location in its path. However, it never ceases to enjoy the course of its journey.

If we would take just a handful, we can see an amazing shift in the way we feel. As our feelings shift and change, our external reality joins in unison, like water from brooks, streams, and river that flow to the solidarity of an ocean or one's heart.

"Water ('Nam' referring to that which flows) from the heart ("Jai" meaning the heart)", forms to create the Thai word Nam jai, which is one of the strongest values that refers to a kind, generous person, who thinks about the other person, to express that attitude of Nam Jai, the Songkran holiday is considered to be the most magical festival of all, as it creates and encourages those important bonds of unity between families and communities. Indirectly, this essence of life 'water', spiritually and literally, brings people together. The festivities are not just about throwing water at each other but about the traditions of hospitality, love, and relationship in families and communities.

So, whether it is to cool off after a hot day, bathe yourself in preparation of prayer, quench your thirst or just to have fun, water plays a major role in some of the most significant experiences throughout history. Go out and take part in having fun, Happy Thai New Year, Happy Songkran.

FIGURES OF SPEECH-

enough said– [an expression used to indicate that you completely understand the situation and you do not need any further details.]



Example:

1. Enough said, I'll arrange a meeting tomorrow.

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Grammar Attack

Do you understand?

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Indicates a **continuous** action that was completed at some point in the **past**.

This tense is used to emphasize the duration of an action that was completed before another action or event in the past.

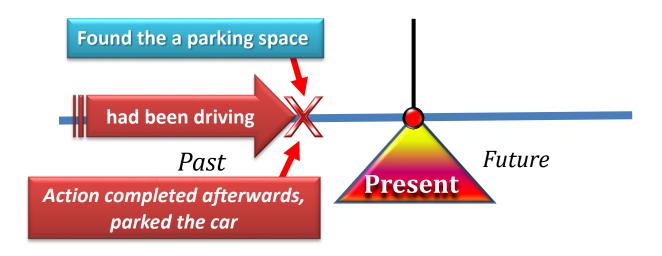
Plants **had been growing** in the soil.

The seeds had been producing crop in the soil before an event (like a chemical spill) made the soil unsuitable for plant growth.

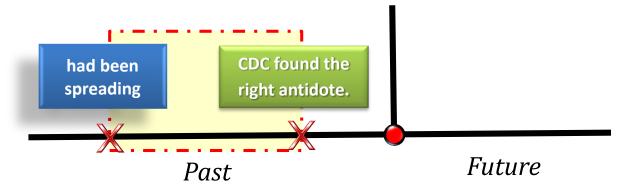
Continuous Action until it was completed.

Here is an infographic explaining the past perfect continuous tense:

Aron had been driving around for 15 minutes before he found a parking space and parked his car.



The virus had been slowly spreading around the city for two weeks before the CDC found the right antidote. At present, the virus is seen to have been eradicated.



Reality had never been questioned before this happened.

The economy *had been* growing until the government reversed their policies.

Porsha *had been* studying all night, that's why she fell asleep during the exam.

Vocabulary Build

hyper-		too much, over, excessive, beyond	hyperextended, hyperdrive, hypersonic, hypersensitive	She's suffering from hypertension that why she fainted.
			Hyperactive - very restless; hypertension - above normal pressure.	Some people become hyperactive after drinking a teaspoon of a caffeine drink.
hypn-		sleep	hypnosis, hypnotherapy, hypnotize	
			Hypnotic - an agent that causes sleep.	
idio-		peculiar, personal, distinct	idiosyncracy, idiomatic, idiotic	That was such an idiotic idea to slap the Pit-bull.
			Idiot - someone who is distinctly foolish or stupid.	
in-	in-, ig-,	not, without	irregular, illegal, incapable, impossible	His thought are illogical that is why I don't support him.
	il-, im-		Inappropriate - not appropriate; irresponsible - not responsible.	
	, ir-	in, among	inspection irruption, imblue, immigrate, impart	He's too irresponsible to be consider to be mature.
			Illuminate - to give light to.	
infra-		beneath, below	infrastructure, infrasonic, infracentral, infracostal	The government needs to allocate more resources to the development of local infrastructures.
			Infrared - below the regular light spectrum.	

Rebus Puzzle



-a kind of word puzzle that uses pictures to represent words or parts of words.

Top secret

What is the word or phrase expressed in the following rebus puzzle?

SECRET

Answer to last week's rebus puzzle:



"Overall"

Considering all factors.

Overall, the performance was mediocre, but I still enjoyed it.

What is the word or phrase expressed in the following rebus puzzle?



(The answer to the Puzzle will be in the next issue.)



"Thousands have lived without love, not one without water." -H. Auden

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