

Guess the Year Business Past Tenses Review

Tell your partner about one year in your life, one sentence at a time. After each sentence they can make one guess what year it was, e.g. "I think I could be 1987" or "It sounds like 1977 to me".

Continue the game, this time making sure you use sentences only in the Past Continuous and Past Perfect, e.g.

I was thinking about quitting my job

I had quit my previous job

I had got a promotion

I was expecting a promotion

I was working about 80 hours a week

I was expecting a big pay rise

I was worrying about my future

I was just learning the basics of the job

I was working for an incompetent boss

I was feeling dissatisfied with my company

I was studying at night school

We had improved the results of my department/ branch/ section by 50%

I had already been to more than 10 countries on business trips

The police/ the tax authorities/ the financial authorities were investigating my company

I was paying more than 50% of my income in tax

My savings were dropping rapidly

My previous company had gone bankrupt.

I had been forced to move to another branch/ department/ company.

Ask and answer questions about the experiences above in your life

What are the similarities and differences between the sentences below?

I had already been to more than 10 countries on business trips

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I had quit my previous job

I have quit a job