

9th January

OET Writing – Perfect Tenses with Reported Speech

Starter:

Look at this paragraph from the ‘timeline’ section of an OET letter:

During his appointment today, Mr Linklater reported that he had tiredness and depression over the previous twelve months. In addition, he stated that he been experiencing nausea and had sore eyes. He mentioned that he often been dizzy in the previous three weeks.

There are three times when the verb ‘had’ should be added – Where?

During his appointment today, Mr Linklater reported that he **had** had tiredness and depression over the previous twelve months. In addition, he stated that he **had** been experiencing nausea and had sore eyes. He mentioned that he **had** often been dizzy in the previous three weeks.

Why are we using the word ‘had’ in these places?

Practice:

How could we report the information that Mrs Hawthorne provided at this appointment?

02.04.19	Menstrual spotting = 3 months; experiencing menorrhagia and dysmenorrhea; ↑hairiness; ↑greasiness of skin Canestan x5 in last year Removal of IUD with nurse prescribed
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Mrs Hawthorne said...

“I’ve had menstrual spotting for three months”

“I’ve been experiencing menorrhagia and dysmenorrhea”

“I’ve noticed that I’m hairier and my skin is greasy”

“I’ve used Canestan five times in the last year”

We could write...

On 2nd April 2019, Mrs Hawthorne reported that she had had menstrual spotting for the previous three months.

She stated that she had been experiencing menorrhagia and dysmenorrhea.

She reported that she had noticed increased hairiness and skin greasiness.

She mentioned that she had used / had been using Canestan five times over the previous year.

How could we report the information that Mr Knowles provided at this appointment?

30 Aug 2019 No improvement in reflux symptoms
Pt's main concern is now back pain
New symptoms: diarrhoea, pale stools, abdominal pain on eating, fatigue
Wt ↓2kg since last appointment (now 92kg)
Abdomen tender on palpation, slightly swollen
Yellow discolouration skin and eyes

Mr Knowles said...

"I've seen no improvement in my reflux symptoms"

Mr Knowles **said** that he **had seen** no improvement in his reflux symptoms.

"I've been really worried about my back pain"

Mr Knowles **reported** that he **had been** really worried about his back pain.

"I've noticed new symptoms"

Mr Knowles **mentioned** that he **had noticed** new symptoms.

"I've been experiencing diarrhoea, pale stools, abdominal pain on eating and fatigue"

Mr Knowles **told** me that he **had been experiencing** diarrhoea, pale stools, abdominal pain on eating and fatigue.

"I've lost 2kg in weight since my last appointment"

Mr Knowles **stated** that he **had lost** 2kg in weight since his last appointment.

Extension:

How could we report the information that Ms Bennet provided at this appointment?

Presenting complaint:

15 May 2021 Side effects of captopril – dizziness and light-headedness, headaches, episodes of diarrhoea
Pt reports ↑stress from side effects
Pt requests captopril discontinuation (side effects) – reluctant to start new meds

Plan: Referral to cardiologist re review of meds and ways to encourage lifestyle changes

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