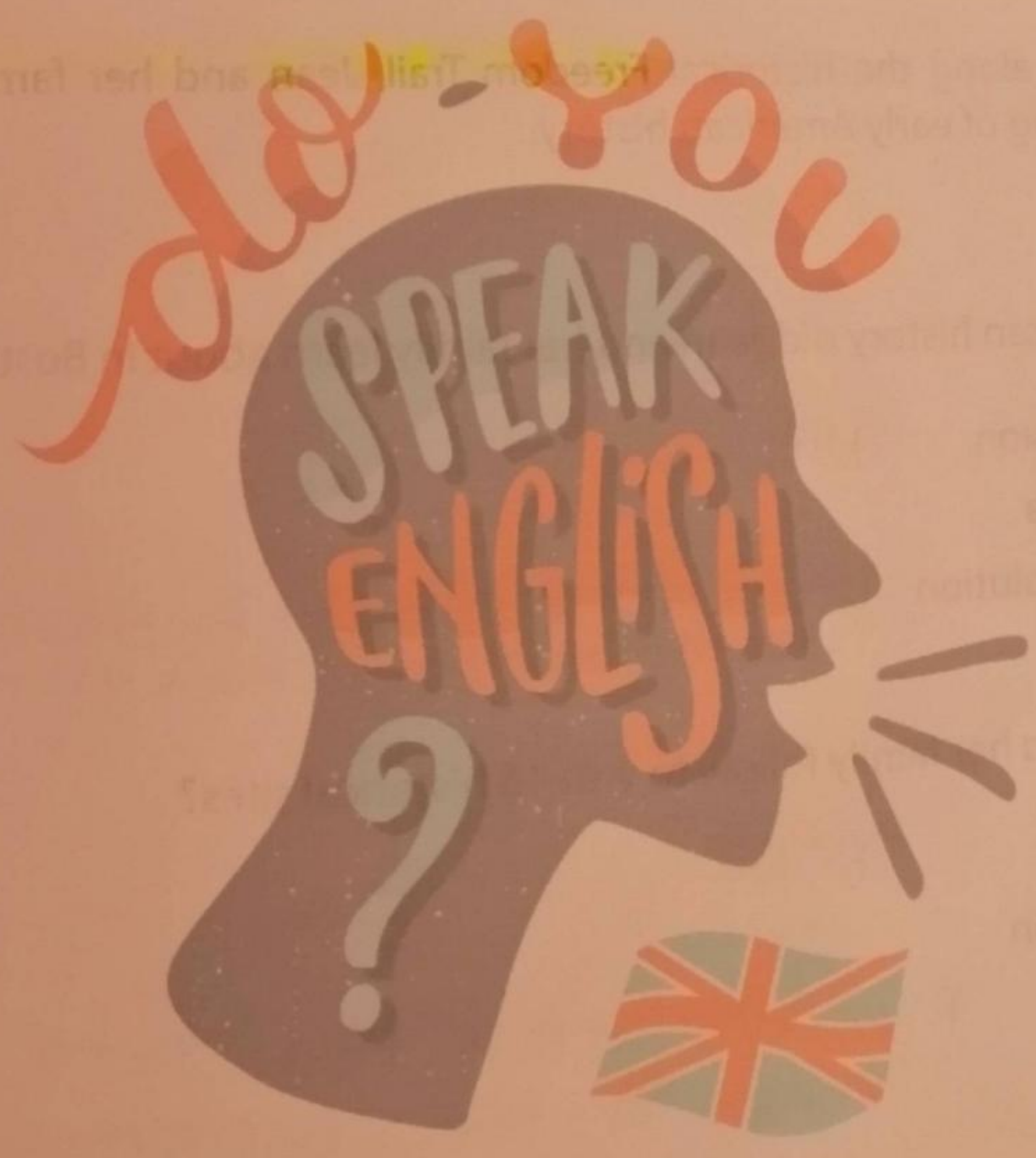


- 5. He stole more than 500,000 euros before the police caught him.
He had been qualifying as a teacher
- 6. They manufactured more than 1,000,000 cars before the factory closed.
They had been stealing more than
- 7. She wrote 95 books before dying.
She had been manufacturing
- 8. He visited France before finishing his classes
He had been writing 95 books
- He had been visiting France

3 Write the past perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets:

- 1. Tom was sitting on the chair, out of breath. He had been running (run).
- 2. We had been walking (walk) along the road for about 20 minutes when a car stopped and the driver offered us a lift.
- 3. When I arrived, everyone was sitting around the table and talking. Their mouths were empty but their stomachs were full. They had been eating (eat).
- 4. When I arrived, Jessica was waiting for me. She was rather annoyed with me because I was late and she had been waiting (wait) for me for two hours.
- 5. I had been doing (do) my homework for two hours when my friend came.



- Express an action that is the cause of another action taking place in the past.



She was tired because she had been skiing.



I was sleepy because I 'd been reading late.

Remember that the past perfect continuous will not be used if the main verb is a state verb.



1 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense:

- I had been waiting (wait) in the office for more than two hours when the Boss finally arrived.
- They had been talking (talk) for over an hour before the others members arrived.
- had you been watching (you/watch) the match when I telephoned you?
- She had been working (work) for that company for three years when it went out of business.
- How long had you been waiting (you/wait) for John before he finally arrived?
- What had you been doing (you/do) yesterday at 8 p.m.?
- Helen hadn't been doing (not/do) anything special when we arrived.
- I had been having (have) lunch when he entered the restaurant.

2 Read the sentences below and then write or say what people had done by the times indicated

- (Example) They went to the cinema and ate 2 bags of popcorn before the film finished.

They had eaten 2 bags of popcorn by the time the film finished.

- I wrote 7 reports before finishing work.

I had been writing before finishing work

- She drank a whole bottle of wine before going to bed.

She had been drinking a whole

- We ate 5 sandwiches before arriving in Scotland.

We had been eating sandwiches