

# Future in the Past

With an emphasis on "**be supposed to**" in the past simple, "**be + to + have + past participle**", and the theme of **expectations**.


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## What You'll Learn Today

- How to talk about past plans, intentions, and expectations that didn't happen.
  - How to use:
    - ✓ was/were supposed to
    - ✓ was/were to have + past participle
    - ✓ future in the past structures
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## **1** Warm-Up Discussion

### Questions:

- What was something you were supposed to do last weekend, but didn't?
- Have you ever planned something, but it didn't go as expected?
  -  Example:

"I was supposed to visit my grandma, but I got sick."

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## **2** Future in the Past: Grammar Focus

### A. What is Future in the Past?

Talking about plans, intentions, or expectations made in the past, often using:

- ✓ *was/were going to*
  - ✓ *was/were supposed to*
  - ✓ *was/were to have + past participle*
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### B. "Was/Were Supposed To"

- ✓ Meaning: There was an expectation, but it might not have happened.
- ✓ Structure: *was/were supposed to + base verb*
  -  Examples:




I was supposed to call her yesterday.

They were supposed to arrive at 7, but they were late.



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### C. "Was/Were To Have + Past Participle"

-  Meaning: A formal structure often used in reporting.
-  Structure: *was/were to have + past participle*
-  Examples:


The meeting was to have started at 9 am.




They were to have finished the work by Monday.

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### Practice Time!

#### A. Did It Happen?

Decide: Did the plan happen?  

1. I was supposed to email her, but I forgot. ()
  2. They were to have arrived by 5 pm. ()?
  3. He was going to start a new job, but the company closed. ()
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#### B. Complete the Sentences

1. I was supposed to \_\_\_\_\_, but I didn't.
  2. She was to have \_\_\_\_\_, but something happened.
  3. We were going to \_\_\_\_\_, but it wasn't possible.
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### Expectations vs Reality

 What was supposed to happen? What actually happened?

Discuss these situations:


- A wedding (supposed to be sunny, but it rained)
- A school project (supposed to be easy, but it was difficult)
- A vacation (supposed to relax, but got sick)




## Useful Phrases:

- "It was supposed to be..."
  - "We were going to..."
  - "They were to have..."
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### 5 Role-Play: Customer & Event Planner

 One person is a customer, the other is an event planner.

 The party was supposed to be perfect, but something went wrong!

#### Use:

- "You were supposed to..."
  - "It was to have been..."
  - "We were going to..."
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### 6 Mini Reading Activity

 Read the text:

*"The new café was supposed to open in June. It was to have been the most popular spot in town. But by August, the doors were still closed, and people had lost interest."*

 Questions:

1. What was supposed to happen?
  2. What happened instead?
  3. Why did things go wrong?
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### Summary

Structure	Example
was/were going to	I was going to study, but I fell asleep.
was/were supposed to	He was supposed to call me, but he forgot.
was/were to have + past participle	The project was to have been completed last week.



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✓ **Reflection**

→ What were you supposed to do today that you haven't done yet?

→ Have your plans ever changed in a surprising way?

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