

READING ASSIGNMENT

(Bourama KANOUTE – ANGLAIS LS2)

1. THE MAIN IDEA OF EACH PARAGRAPH

a. Paragraph I:

The young man was surprised and muted when he got the reply after his marriage request.

b. Paragraph II:

The confusion of the young man following the paradox created by the way he was welcomed, the efforts he made for the family and the replying he has just received.

c. Paragraph III:

The young man has realized that the family hasn't been sincere with him all that time because of the high cost of the dowry.

d. Paragraph IV:

The unfavourable living conditions of the young man to meet the requirement of the family in-law.

e. Paragraph V:

He could believe what he's heard. Rather than the reality, it appears to him as a nightmare.

2. TWO AMBIGUOUS EXPRESSIONS

- a. **The words were pushing one another in his head:** He was confused.
- b. **To lend them his motorbike for errands:** lend them his motorbike for wandering.

3. SUMMARY OF THE TEXT

The young Badara, lured by his love for Amina and his relationship with that last's family, asked her for marriage. It became evident to him that the relationship he entertained with the family had nothing to have with their agreement, nor with Amina's love. He felt betrayed as he thought the family and Amina should take into account his unfavourable financial conditions. He was deprived of the help of a rich brother who disliked him. This situation was nothing to him, but a nightmare.

4. GRAMMAR: The past perfect

Examples:

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
- He had kept his mouth opened on hearing the answer.	- Had he kept his mouth opened on hearing the answer?	- He had not kept his mouth opened on hearing the answer.
- He had managed to bring them a gift.	- Had he managed to bring them a gift?	- He had not managed to bring them any gift.
- The price had awfully risen .	- Had the price awfully risen ?	- The price had not awfully risen .

a. Rewrite these sentences into the past perfect

- Ali (be) the headmaster for decades before his retirement.
- You (wear) a nice suit. Why did you put it off?
- Ali (type) all the summary. You mixed up everything.

b. What is the structural organization of the present perfect?

Affirmative	Subject + had + past participle.
Interrogative	Had + subject + past participle?
Negative	Subject + had not + past participle.

c. When do we use the present perfect?

The present perfect tense expresses a past action which happened before another action in the past.

