

Point number 5 from yesterday's podcast was missing! Sorry! So here it is, plus a couple of extra pieces of English that are worth learning.

5. In the podcast, I wrote that my children 'had had enough of being with their mother 24 hours a day.'

It sounds strange to say , 'had, had', but don't let it intimidate you. Remember, the verb I am using is 'to have enough of something' which means that you have been over exposed to something, or are tired of a situation or person.

So, in order to use the pluperfect tense I have to use 'my children had had enough...'. Here are some examples using different tenses. *Note, this verb is usually used in the past.

- a. I left because I had had enough of his arguing.
- b. She yawned because she had had enough of the boring lecture.
- c. I have had enough of the bad weather; I need to go somewhere sunny! *Note, this is present perfect, not pluperfect.

I also would like to share one English idiom, and one new English phrase, both of which I found on the website, Learn English Today (highly recommended).

Idiom.

To be 'all ears' means to be very interested in what someone is about to tell you.

- a. I can't believe that she's going to climb Mt.

Everest. Tell me all about it; I'm all ears.

b. Are the rumors true? Tell me all the details; I'm all ears.

New Phrase

A 'Black Swan' is an unexpected event of great magnitude. It can be a sudden natural disaster, or a political event that was not expected.