I Had Been Told Your Name

English · B2

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · Passive: had been + done

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

that you had been told it would be better if you stayed away.

been is a form of **be**, "the passive, earlier in the past".

2 · LEARN IT

I had been told	someone had told me	**the order had been given**	someone had given it
the car had been packed	we had packed it	**the street had been flooded**	water had flooded it
it had been signed	someone had signed it	**we'd been told**	someone had told us

3 · FIND IT

Circle every form of be. One line has none.

1. Hi, I'm Grace. It's nice to finally meet you.
2. I had been told your name, and nothing more.
3. I had been told your name, but no one told me

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ in the mirror, in the car, in the shower.
- ☐ but instead I drove out to this diner off the highway,
- ☐ and for years I practiced how I'd say hello
- ☐ If I'd been braver, I'd have called you long ago,
- ☐ written on a napkin that my mother had kept,

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use been.

1. I had _____ told your name when I was twelve,

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ☐ / 8

For parents: scan to play the song at home. The app is free to try.

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Grammar · Find it (2)

1 none 2 been 3 been

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 been

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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