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## The Arab world

Unit

## Lessons 1–2 Trade and transport: from ships to trains

1	Look at the words and phrases. Write a sentence using each one.
1	trade route
2	infrastructure
3	communication highway
4	trader
5	offshore
	<b>Language tip</b> We use the <b>past perfect</b> tense to indicate that an action was completed at some point in the

past before something else happened.

had + past participle had been, had eaten

Moving goods had been a major problem for traders before purpose-built containers were introduced.

## **2** Read the sentences. Mark if they are correct or incorrect using a tick () or a cross ().

- 1 *The government constructed single-lane highways first. Then they constructed two-lane highways.* The government constructed single-lane highways after they had constructed two-lane ones.
- **2** The Red Line of the Dubai Metro was completed in September 2009. The Green Line of the Dubai Metro was completed in September 2011.

The Green Line of the Dubai Metro was completed after the Red Line had been completed.

3 *In the 1900s, the pearling industry was a main part of the UAE economy. In the late 1920s, the pearling industry faded away due to heavy taxation and the creation of the cultured pearl.* The pearling industry had been a main part of the UAE economy before heavy taxation and the creation of the cultured pearl caused it to fade away.

4 *Mina Rashid Port opened in 1972. Then, in 1979, Jebel Ali Port was completed.* Mina Rashid Port opened before Jebel Ali Port was completed.

3 Look at the sentences below, rewrite them using the past perfect. Use Activity 2 to help you.a I went to the BBQ at 7.00 pm. I went to the cinema at 10.00 pm.

- **b** She ate breakfast at 7.00 am. The phone rang at 7.15 am.
- c Ahmed studied English at school. He went to college in the US.
- d I left my phone at home. I couldn't ring my friend.

Using your notes from the listening task, write a summary of one of the topics here.

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