

Narrative Tenses

We use the **Past Continuous** to describe a background scene in a story or in a description of a main event and to talk about an action that was in progress when another action took place.

We use the **Past Simple** for a series of actions that happened one after the other (sequence)

We use the **Past Perfect** to talk about an action that happened before another action in the past.

Use the prompts to complete the sentences. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.

- 1 When I got home, (my cat / break / an expensive vase).
- 2 Why didn't you answer your phone last night?
(you / sleep)?
- 3 When I wanted to buy a ticket to the match I realised that
(I / leave / my wallet) at home.
- 4 I took my umbrella because (it / rain) when I left.
- 5 People had tears in their eyes when (the
athlete / finally / cross) the finish line.
- 6 He didn't recognise the captain of the team because
(he / not / see) her before.
- 7 (everyone / clap) when he scored the second goal.