

1 GRAMMAR Future in the past; Narrative tenses

a Match 1–8 with a–h to make sentences.

- 1 f She was leaving for the station
- 2 Apparently she was going to tell me
- 3 I thought I would be waiting a while
- 4 We were set to head for the airport
- 5 He was to take over as manager
- 6 I was supposed to study Italian
- 7 I planned to stay in Paris for a year
- 8 I was about to accept a new job

- a but ended up with a degree in sociology.
- b but never had the right opportunity.
- c but actually stayed for three.
- d when my manager asked me into his office.
- e until we heard about the pilots' strike.
- f when her mobile rang.
- g but they suddenly changed their minds.
- h so I bought myself a coffee.

b Read some sentences from a story about Oliver Broom, who travelled to Australia by bike to watch a cricket match. Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 In late 2008, Oliver Broom was working / worked in London.
- 2 Having graduated six years before, he was to earn / earning a good salary.
- 3 It seemed he was having / had a bright future.
- 4 A good friend had been / was seriously injured on holiday some time before.
- 5 This had made him question what he has done / was doing with his life.
- 6 On top of that, he has / had just split up with his girlfriend.
- 7 He suddenly decided he would / might cycle to Australia.
- 8 He worked out a route which had to / would take him through over 20 countries.
- 9 The last leg was from Darwin to Brisbane, which was / is going to be another 5,000 kilometres.
- 10 He said he should / would spend the first few months in Europe.
- 11 No sooner had he arrived in Thailand than he was suddenly struck / striking down with Dengue fever and hospitalised.
- 12 Oli cycled into Brisbane the very day the cricket match was to start / has started.

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