

English with Alona

Narrative (past) tenses

Grammar Presentation

Watch the video and do the tasks below.
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Grammar Practice - Task 1

Choose the correct alternative.

1 Lynne ***was singing***/***had sung*** as she was cleaning the windows.
2 Mr Todd ***was teaching***/***had been teaching*** for thirty years when he retired.
3 I phoned Jack because I ***wanted***/***had wanted*** to ask him a question.
4 They ***had walked***/***had been walking*** for hours when they stopped for a rest.
5 The shop ***had been selling***/***had sold*** the table by the time I got there.
6 Joe was happy. He ***was winning***/***had won*** first prize in the competition.

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7 It ***was raining/had rained*** while they were playing the football match.
8 Rob ***was opening/opened*** the box and looked inside.
9 Eve was delighted to hear that she ***was getting/had got*** the job.
10 People ***used to work/were working*** very long hours in those days.
11 I was running when I ***slipped/was slipping*** on the ice.
12 They ***were already buying/had already bought*** the tickets when they went to the concert.
13 Carol ***had broken/was breaking*** her arm, so she couldn't write for six weeks.
14 We ***had been staying/stayed*** in a hotel by the sea last summer.
15 Elvis Presley ***sang/had sung*** lots of hit songs.
16 I ***opened/was opening*** the door and stepped outside.
17 They ***had stood/were standing*** outside when the results were announced.
18 Alexander Graham Bell ***had invented/invented*** the telephone.
19 She broke the glass while she ***had washed/was washing*** it.

Grammar Practice - Task 2

Complete the sentences using any appropriate past forms.

1 While Joanne ... .. her hair, Carl was cleaning the house.
2 I have no idea where I ..... my wallet.
3 He ..... his leg when he fell off his skateboard.
4 We ..... in the classroom for ten minutes before the teacher arrived.
5 She ..... to the theatre last night.
6 My tooth ..... for a week before I went to the dentist's.
7 She cried when she ..... her driving test.
8 What ..... when the alarm went off?
9 They got into the car and ..... away.
10 I could tell she ..... the competition because she couldn't stop smiling.
11 We ..... along the beach when we heard a cry for help.
12 Tom ..... the piano for years before he became famous.

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