

Narrative Tenses

PAST SIMPLE
I did

PAST
CONTINUOUS
I was doing

PAST PERFECT
I had done

PAST PERFECT
*I had been
doing*

- Read the following imaginary paragraph from the story and put the verbs in the appropriate forms.

Jerry's mother 1. _____ (*sit*) on the terrace of the holiday house that she 2. _____ (*rent*) for the past few weeks. She 3. _____ (*think*) about the fact that their holiday 4. _____ (*soon/be*) over, and 5. _____ (*worry*) about Jerry. He 6. _____ (*behave*) so strangely in the past few days, she 7. _____ (*reflect*). He 8. _____ (*suddenly/become*) so cool and distant. Something 9. _____ (*change*) in their relationship.

She 10. _____ (*get up*) and (11) _____ (*walk*) towards the balcony and (12) _____ (*look*) out towards the beach, hoping to catch a glimpse of Jerry. He 13. _____ (*leave*) the house earlier that day to go swimming. She 14. _____ he 15. _____ (*not/do*) anything foolish. School 16. _____ (*start*) in a few days' time and she 17. _____ (*not want*) him to begin the term in a state of agitation. She 18. _____ (*go down*) to the beach to look for Jerry when he suddenly 19. _____ (*catch*) sight of him slowly climbing the hill towards the house.