

NARRATIVE TENSES

1) Choose the correct form of the verb in these sentences.

- a) By the time we arrived, they *ate* / *had eaten* all the strawberries.
- b) When I got to the restaurant, I suddenly *didn't feel* / *hadn't felt* hungry.
- c) He was completely out of breath as he *ran* / *had run* all the way to the station.
- d) The children were in high spirits as they *just finished* / *had just finished* their exams.
- e) When the old man *got up* / *had got up* to speak, everyone applauded.
- f) They were chatting as if they *knew* / *had known* each other all their lives.
- g) She wasn't frightened when she saw his cut. She *saw* / *had seen* blood many times before.
- h) When he *saw* / *had seen* her come through the door, he jumped up in surprise.

2) Complete the text using the correct form of the past perfect or past simple tenses.

I (go) ...*went*.... to New York for the first time in 1970 when I (be)

- (a)just a child. My parents (already be)
- (b)there many times so they (know) (c)the city well. But they (never be) (d)there with a child, so they saw a different side of New York with me. We (go) (e)out

every day and (have) (f)a fantastic time. My parents
(study) (g)English for many years so they (have)
(h)no difficulty with the language. It (rain)
(i)while we (be) (j)there, but we (pack)
(k)all out waterproof clothes so it (be) (l)no
problem. When the time (come) (m)to leave, I (feel)
(n)quite sad because I (have) (o)such a
good time.

3) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a. The official fired the gun and the race _____. (begin)
- b. It _____ (rain) when Ferguson crashed the Ferrari.
- c. When I reached the 10 km sign, the fastest runners _____
(already/ cross) the finishing line.
- d. The race began at 4:00 p.m. and the last cyclist _____
(finish) at exactly 5:08 p.m.
- e. Diane was already at the gym when she realized she _____
(forget) her towel.
- f. Fyfe and Scott _____ (climb) Mount Everest when the
accident happened.