

Narrative Tenses Revision:

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Developing Narrative Features



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Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Sam Worthington:

DID YOU KNOW ...?

- He ¹ a in his first a film in 2000.
- Most people ² never heard of him before *Avatar* came out in 2009!
- He ³ appeared in lots of Australian films and TV series before 2009.
- He was born in England but his family ⁴ emigrated to Australia when he was a baby.
- Worthington ⁵ was leaving school at the age of seventeen to become an actor.
- He ⁶ had been working as a builder when he got a place at the National Institute of Dramatic Art.
- He ⁷ had worked in theatre and TV in Australia before he got his first international film role.
- Worthington might be the next Bond! Producers ⁸ had considered him a few years ago but he didn't get the part then.



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| 1 a starred ✓ | b was starring | c had starred |
| 2 a never heard | b had never heard | c had never been hearing |
| 3 a appeared | b had been appearing | c was appearing |
| 4 a had emigrated | b was emigrating | c emigrated |
| 5 a was leaving | b left | c had been leaving |
| 6 a had been working | b worked | c was working |
| 7 a had worked | b had been working | c was working |
| 8 a had considered | b considered | c had been considering |

*** Complete the text with the correct past tense forms.



In 1968, the actor Dustin Hoffman wanted to get the part of Ratso Rizzo, a homeless New York con man, in the film *Midnight Cowboy*. He ¹ made (make) an appointment to meet the film executive in charge of the casting on a street corner in Manhattan. Before he ² _____ (go) to the meeting, he ³ _____ (put on) some dirty old clothes. When the film executive ⁴ _____ (arrive) on the corner, a poor beggar ⁵ _____ (stand) there and ⁶ _____ (ask) people for money. The executive ⁷ _____ (pay) no attention to him. After he ⁸ _____ (wait) for a long while, the beggar ⁹ _____ (walk) up to him and ¹⁰ _____ (introduce) himself as Dustin Hoffman. He ¹¹ _____ (get) the part, and the film ¹² _____ (win) Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay.