

NARRATIVE TENSES – ALL PAST TENSES- MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ

1) Choose the correct narrative tenses to complete the sentences below.

1- I told John not to drive, because he _____ all night.

- a.drank b.was drinking c.had drunk d.had been drinking

2- Why did you change the channel? I _____ that movie.

- a.watched b.was watching c.had watched d.had been watching

3- When I _____ out of the shower the lights _____.

- a.got / were getting off b.had got / were getting off c.was getting / went off d.had been getting / had got off

4- When I saw Clara I realised that she _____ much in all those years.

- a.didn't change b.wasn't changing c.hadn't changed d.hadn't been changing

5- When he entered the room somebody _____ him in the head.

- a.hit b.was hitting c.had hit d.had been hitting

6- He admitted that he _____ all the money from the box.

- a.took b.was taking c.had taken d.had been taking

7- The burglar _____ to open the safe when he _____ the owner come in.

- a.was trying / heard b.tried / heard c.had been trying / had heard d.tried / was hearing

8- I knew he _____ because his eyes were red.

- a.cried b.was crying c.had cried d.had been crying

9- The plane in which the football team _____ crashed and none of them survived.

- a.travelled b.were travelling c.had travelled d.had been travelling

10- We _____ for about 20 minutes when the plane was hit by turbulence.

- a.flew b.were flying c.had flown d.had been flying

2) Fill in the gaps with the most appropriate narrative tenses of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

We thought that we were on the right path when suddenly we **1** _____ (run into) a very familiar rock and **2** _____ (realise) that we **3** (walk) in circles for quite a long time. We **4** _____ (be) totally lost, and the fact that we **5** _____ (already/finish) our water provisions wasn't very promising.

We **6** _____ (decide) to go uphill because according to John, it would be easier to spot a way out from an elevated point. He **7** _____ (learn) that from a documentary he **8** _____ (see) about survival. But what the documentary **9** _____ (not teach) John was that maybe it's not such a good idea to go up a mountain when you are exhausted and waterless.

We **10** _____ (trek) one mile when we **11** _____ (start) to have a horrible feeling that that might be our last trek. Of course, we **12** _____ (say) anything, but we could see in each other's eyes that at that precise moment we **13** _____ (think) precisely the same. We couldn't walk any longer, so we **14** _____ (decide) to sit and rest, quietly, because neither of us wanted to share any of our gloomy thoughts.

"Hello, can I help you?" we suddenly **15** _____ (hear). We **16** _____ (raise) our heads and **17** _____ (see) a little man with slanted eyes and a childish grin. He **18** _____ (stand) right next to us. I wondered where he **19** _____ (come) from and how long he **20** _____ (stand) there. But it didn't matter really, because we were safe.