

(4) NARRATIVE TENSES.

ACTIVITY 1: Read the story and answer the questions.

Jemima and Jeremy were a young, rich couple who lived and worked in the centre of London. Jeremy's father had found them both lucrative jobs so they lived very comfortably.

One Sunday evening, they were driving home in their Jaguar, when they saw a car, closely resembling their Porsche, speeding in the opposite direction.

They rushed home and to their horror, they discovered that their Porsche was not there; it had been stolen! They felt terrible and called the police, who said that they would do what they could to help them.

However, to their surprise, when they got back home from work the following day, their precious car was sitting outside their house. On the windscreen was a note, which said:

"Thanks very much, we just borrowed the car to go to an important meeting as our car had broken down. Here are some tickets for the best seats at the theatre for tomorrow night."

The next night, the couple happily went to the theatre and had a wonderful time. But when they got home, they were horrified to find that their house had been burgled.

- a) Why did the couple feel terrible in paragraph 2?
- b) Why did they go to the theatre?
- c) Who had burgled their house?

ACTIVITY 2: Find examples of the tenses in the story and complete the chart:

TENSE	EXAMPLES FROM THE TEXT
	were, lived, worked

Complete the rules with ***SIMPLE, CONTINUOUS, PERFECT***

We use the past _____ when we are talking about the past and we want to talk about something that happened before this time.

We use the past _____ to show that something was in progress (it had started but had not finished).

We use the past _____ for shorter, completed actions.

We use the past _____ for consecutive past actions.

ACTIVITY 3: Put the verbs in the following passage in the correct past tense.

Yesterday I _____ (wake) up and the sun
_____ (shine). I _____ (get up)
and _____ (have) a shower. While I
_____ (have) my shower, I _____
(remember) that I _____ (have) a very strange
dream.