

GRAMMAR

Narrative tenses (review)

1 ★★ Circle the correct form of the verb.

- 1 He *was* / *had been* tired because he *had run* / *had been running*.
- 2 My mum *was* / *was being* angry because I *was watching* / *had been watching* TV all afternoon.
- 3 My friends *played* / *had been playing* football for hours when I *arrived* / *was arriving*.
- 4 We *had been waiting* / *were waiting* for the concert to start for half an hour, when they *made* / *were making* the announcement.
- 5 My sister *was learning* / *had been learning* French for six years before she *went* / *was going* to France.
- 6 We *swam* / *had been swimming* for about an hour when it *started* / *had started* to rain.

2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs. Then match the sentences to the events.

- 0 Her car was driving (drive) through a tunnel in Paris when it crashed (crash).
- 1 It _____ (sail) across the Atlantic Ocean when it _____ (hit) an iceberg.
- 2 People _____ (dance) in the streets after they _____ (hear) he was finally free.
- 3 The world _____ (watch) on TV when Neil Armstrong _____ (step) on the moon.
- 4 The crowds _____ (wave) at the president when they _____ (hear) the gunfire.
- 5 While people in the neighbouring town of Pripyat _____ (sleep), a nuclear reactor _____ (explode).
- 6 While Amelia Earhart _____ (work) one day, Captain Railey _____ (ask) her to fly to the UK from America.

Events that shook the world

- ☐ Chernobyl disaster (1986)
- ☐ Apollo 11 (1969)
- ☐ John F. Kennedy assassination (1963)
- ☒ Death of Diana, Princess of Wales (1997)

- ☐ Freedom for Nelson Mandela (1990)
- ☐ Sinking of the *Titanic* (1912)
- ☐ First woman to fly across the Atlantic (1928)

3 ★★★ Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect and the past simple once in each sentence.

Yesterday afternoon I had a guitar lesson.

0 When I had finished (finish) my guitar lesson, I walked (walk) home.

1 We _____ (have) dinner after I _____ (arrive) home.

2 I _____ (do) the washing up after we _____ (eat) dinner.

3 When I _____ (finish) the washing up, I _____ (call) my friend Sara.

4 I _____ (do) my homework after I _____ (speak) to Sara.

5 When I _____ (finish) my homework, I _____ (watch) a film.

4 ★★★ What did you do yesterday? Write similar sentences as in Exercise 3 using the past perfect and the past simple.

1 Yesterday afternoon I _____

2 When _____