

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 sailed (sail) across the Atlantic Ocean when it hit (hit) an iceberg.
- 2 People danced (dance) in the streets after they heard (hear) he was finally free.
- 3 The world watched (watch) on TV when Neil Armstrong stepped (step) on the moon.
- 4 The crowds waved (wave) at the president when they heard (hear) the gunfire.
- 5 While people in the neighbouring town of Pripyat slept (sleep), a nuclear reactor exploded (explode).
- 6 While Amelia Earhart worked (work) one day, Captain Railey asked (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)
- 0 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 _____