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)
- ☒ *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)

SAMPLE

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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 _____

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2 When _____

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