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(4) WHAT A STORY

Grammar narrative forms

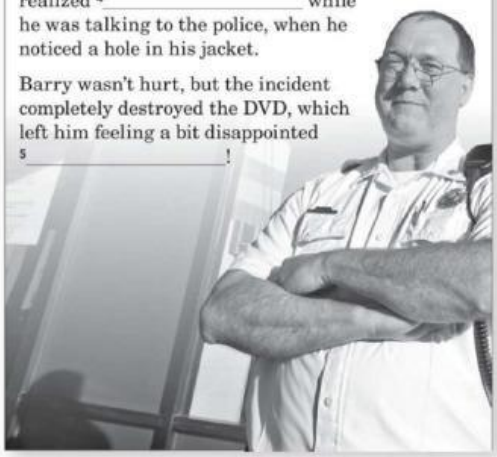
3a Read a newspaper article about a lucky escape. Underline four verbs in the past continuous and circle nine verbs in the past simple.

The best DVD ever

Barry McRoy likes movies, but he never thought that a DVD [1] _____ would save his life.

Fire and Rescue Director Barry McRoy was walking out of a restaurant one day when two men ran past him. They were fighting over a gun [2] _____. One of them shot it and the bullet hit Barry in the chest. Luckily, he was carrying a DVD in his shirt pocket. [3] _____. Amazingly, he only realized [4] _____ while he was talking to the police, when he noticed a hole in his jacket.

Barry wasn't hurt, but the incident completely destroyed the DVD, which left him feeling a bit disappointed [5] _____!



b Put sentences and phrases a–e in the correct position in the text in exercise **3a**.

a what had happened 4
b A friend from work had recorded a TV programme for him the day before ___
c because he hadn't watched it yet ___
d which a colleague had given him ___
e because they'd had an argument ___

4 Choose the best verb tense to complete the text about Steve and Julia's unlucky honeymoon.

Steve and Julia didn't have the honeymoon they [1] *were always dreaming / had always dreamt* of. When they arrived at the airport, their flight [2] *took / had taken* off. They had to catch another flight later on and [3] *missed / were missing* most of the first day of their honeymoon.

There was another problem when they arrived at their hotel. While they [4] *were waiting / waited* for a room, one of their bags [5] *had disappeared / disappeared*. Fortunately, it was returned soon after – one of the other guests [6] *was taking / had taken* it by mistake.

They decided to enjoy the rest of the day and visit the city centre. They [7] *were going / had gone* back to the hotel when it started to rain heavily. The taxi driver said he [8] *hadn't seen / didn't see* such bad weather in a long time.

It [9] *rained / had rained* most of the week they were there; but fortunately, they [10] *had already gone / went* back home when a hurricane hit the island. While they [11] *were watching / had watched* the news at home, they felt really lucky after all.



PRONUNCIATION *be* and *have*

5a 2.3 Listen to six sentences. Underline the weak forms of *be* and *have* and circle the strong ones.

1 When I got home, my wife had cooked my favourite dish.
2 In my childhood, I had a dog called Spot.
3 At the end of the day, he was exhausted.
4 Thanks, I was looking all over the place for that!
5 Actually, we have enough time to get there.
6 They were good friends at school.

b Match sentences 1–6 in exercise **5a** to reasons a–c.

a Weak form because it is an auxiliary verb: 1 and ___
b Strong form because it is the main verb: 2 and ___
c Weak form even though it is the main verb: ___ and ___

c 2.3 Listen again. Pause the listening and repeat after each

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