Use narrative tenses to describe past events and situations.

1.2 GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct alternative.

1 When I arrived at the café, my friends **had waited** / **were waiting** for me.
2 After they had discussed the situation, they **agreed** / **had agreed** a strategy.
3 I couldn't text you because I **had left** / **was leaving** my mobile at home.
4 **Were you knowing** / **Did you know** about Fortnite before I told you about it?
5 While Anna **hadn't looked** / **wasn't looking**, Sami cheated.
6 When Jas **passed** / **was passing** her exam, she moved up to the next level.
7 **Had you read** / **Were you reading** the rules before you started the game?
8 Toby **hadn't prepared** / **wasn't preparing** for the interview, so he didn't get the job.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 When we left home it _____ (not rain), but ten minutes later it _____ (start) to rain heavily.
2 Mo _____ (take) the bus home because someone _____ (steal) his bicycle.
3 Mina _____ (ask) her teacher if she could go home because she _____ (not feel) well.
4 My parents _____ (not allow) me to go online before I _____ (finish) my homework.
5 When Lara _____ (get) 100% in her exam, her teacher thought she _____ (cheat).
6 After we _____ (play) a few games, I _____ (discover) that Suzy was really competitive.
7 I _____ (talk) to Harry yesterday and he _____ (tell) me that someone _____ (break) into his house.
8 While we _____ (wait) for Karim to arrive, we _____ (realise) that we _____ (not tell) him what time to meet us.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

finish forget go leave not listen not see wait

1 I had an appointment at the dentist's this morning, but I _____ to go.
2 Sorry, I _____ so I didn't hear the instructions.
3 After Soroush _____ his homework, he chatted with his friends online.
4 While we _____ for the bus, it started to rain.
5 When the film ended, we _____ the cinema and _____ to a café.
6 Yesterday I got a text from an old friend that I _____ for two years.

4 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Last weekend, someone [1]_____ (break) into my friend Maria's house. Maria [2]_____ (go) to the gym and when she [3]_____ (come) home the front door of her house was open. She realised that something was wrong, so she immediately called the police. Then she [4]_____ (wait) outside until the police arrived. She [5]_____ (not go) into the house because the police [6]_____ (tell) her to wait outside. While she [7]_____ (wait) for them, she looked through the window, but [8]_____ (not see) anyone inside. When the police [9]_____ (arrive), they went into the house first. They told Maria that the burglars [10]_____ (make) a terrible mess – clothes and papers [11]_____ (lie) around on the floor. Maria had to smile – she's a very untidy person and the place [12]_____ (not look) messy to her. It was several hours before she [13]_____ (discover) that the burglars [14]_____ (not steal) anything valuable.

5 Choose the correct alternative to complete the questions about the story in Ex 4. Then answer the questions.

1 What **did** / **had** someone do last weekend?
2 Where **had** / **was** Maria been?
3 What **did** / **had** she do when she realised something was wrong?
4 What **did** / **was** she doing when the police arrived?
5 Where **had** / **were** her clothes and papers lying?
6 What **had** / **was** the burglars stolen?

6 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect.

1 Last weekend _____
2 I met my best friend _____
3 While I was coming to school _____
4 I was late meeting my friends because _____
5 This time last week _____
6 I couldn't go out for pizza _____

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