

## GRAMMAR

### Narrative tenses

#### 1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 She was walking through the woods
- 2 By the time we got to the stadium,
- 3 His hair was wet because
- 4 I took off my coat
- 5 The burglar got in easily because
- 6 We had been travelling for hours
- 7 As soon as she had spoken,
- 8 When we arrived at the party,

- a the match had already started.
- b when she heard a scream.
- c she regretted it.
- d we hadn't locked the back door.
- e everyone was dancing.
- f and sat down on the sofa.
- g before we decided to stop and rest.
- h he had been swimming in the river.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 By the time our meal arrived we ..... (wait) for an hour and a half.
- 2 My parents ..... (not believe) me when I told them I ..... (pass) every one of my exams.
- 3 She ..... (put on) her raincoat, ..... (pick up) her umbrella, and ..... (leave) the house.
- 4 They ..... (train) all morning in the gym, which is why they ..... (be) exhausted.
- 5 I ..... (only sit) down for a couple of minutes when my brother ..... (come) in and ..... (ask) me to help him fix his bike.
- 6 We ..... (run) for an hour when the storm ..... (begin).
- 7 Everyone ..... (already start) eating by the time we ..... (get) home.
- 8 Even though we ..... (never meet), I ..... (recognise) him from his Facebook page.
- 9 Luisa ..... (write) short stories since she ..... (be) a child, and then her favourite magazine ..... (offer) to publish one of them.
- 10 Before I ..... (have) the opportunity to book tickets for the concert, they ..... (all sell) out.

#### 3 Write one sentence from the notes, using the correct tenses.

- 0 when / we / arrive at cinema / 7.40 / film / start  
*When we arrived at the cinema at 7.40, the film had started.*

- 1 the teacher / talk / fire alarm / ring

- 2 Karen / learn Spanish / two years / when / move to Argentina

- 3 I leave home / run for the bus / and arrive at school / on time

- 4 we get home / Dad finish preparing dinner

#### 4 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

Ⓐ 1 a I received your letter this morning.  
b I had received your letter this morning.

2 a He saw a woman he never met before.  
b He saw a woman he had never met before.

3 a I enjoyed it a lot and would do it again.  
b I had enjoyed it a lot and would do it again.

4 a It was the first time I went to the cinema.  
b It was the first time I had been to the cinema.

## VOCABULARY

### Time phrases

#### 1 Make five time phrases then write them next to their definitions.

1 for some	no time
2 before	long
3 the week	on end
4 for weeks	before last
5 in	time

a quite soon	.....
b very quickly	.....
c two weeks ago	.....
d for several weeks	.....
e for a long period	.....

#### 2 Choose the correct time phrases.

- 1 Tim had no trouble settling in to his new school – he got used to it for some time / in no time.
- 2 I went to bed at 11 o'clock and before long / for days on end was fast asleep.
- 3 She had wanted to meet her pen friend for some time / in no time and was pleased to get the chance.
- 4 They finished all their exams the week before last / for weeks on end.
- 5 We waited for the weather to improve before long / for days on end but it never did.