



Practice Worksheet: Unit 4 (Narrative Tenses)

Part 1: Past Simple and Past Continuous Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Focus on interrupted actions, background scenes, and simultaneous actions.

1. While I _____ (walk) home from school, I saw a beautiful rainbow.
2. She _____ (cook) dinner when the telephone suddenly rang.
3. We were watching a movie when the electricity _____ (go) out.
4. What _____ you _____ (do) at 8 PM last night? I tried to call you!
5. I _____ (not / hear) the doorbell because I was listening to loud music.
6. While my brother was studying in his room, my sister _____ (play) video games in the lounge.
7. He _____ (drop) his new phone while he was taking a photo of the monument.
8. They _____ (wait) for the bus when it started to rain heavily.

Part 2: Past Perfect vs Past Simple Complete the sentences using either the Past Simple or the Past Perfect. Think about which action happened first in the past.

9. By the time we finally arrived at the cinema, the film _____ (already / start).
10. She _____ (not / see) the ocean before she went on holiday to Spain last summer.
11. I _____ (recognize) him immediately because we had met at a conference last year.
12. After the students _____ (finish) their exam, they went out to celebrate.
13. The teacher was quite annoyed because I _____ (forget) to bring my workbook.
14. When I got to the train station, I realized the train _____ (leave) five minutes earlier.
15. He couldn't buy a coffee because he _____ (lose) his wallet on the way to work.

Part 3: Mixed Narrative Tenses Read the short story and complete the blanks (16-20) with the correct past tense: **Past Simple, Past Continuous, or Past Perfect**.

Last weekend, I (16) _____ (decide) to go for a long hike in the mountains. The weather was perfect; the sun (17) _____ (shine) and the birds were singing. I was walking for about an hour when I suddenly realized I (18) _____ (take) the wrong path. I couldn't check my map to find my way back because I (19) _____ (leave) my phone at home. While I was trying to figure out what to do, I (20) _____ (hear) a very strange noise coming from the bushes!