

Narrative tenses. Past Simple, Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous

A. Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. You may need to use passive voice.

1. After he killed the old man, the narrator, \_\_\_\_\_  
(dismember) the body and \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) it under the floor  
boards.
2. Three police officers went to the house because the neighbours  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a scream the night before.
3. The men wanted to make sure that a crime \_\_\_\_\_  
(not commit).
4. The narrator told the police officers that the old man  
\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) on a trip to the country earlier that week.
5. While he chatted with the police officers, the narrator  
\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on a chair on top of where the old  
man's body was hidden.
6. He believed the policemen \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) at him.
7. Finally, he \_\_\_\_\_ (confess) that he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (kill) the man.

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I had never opened the lantern before. FIRST

It \_\_\_\_\_ I had ever opened the lantern.

2. You should have seen how wise and careful I was. WISH

I \_\_\_\_\_ how wise and careful I was.

3. "Did you sleep well?" I asked. WHETHER

I \_\_\_\_\_ well.

4. It took less time to clear up than I expected. AS

The clearing-up didn't \_\_\_\_\_ as I expected.

5. I advised the police officers to search the house well. WERE

"If \_\_\_\_\_ search the house well."