NARRATIVE TENSES

When we tell stories, we have to use a variety of tenses in order to make our story more interesting and dynamic. Which of the following tenses you identified in the video?

Present simple	Past simple	Present perfect
Past continuous	Past perfect	Present perfect continuous

Look at these sentences and answer the questions below

It was a beautiful sunny day. Peter and his friends **were sitting** in the grass **talking** and **sunbathing**.

Jessica and Peter **got** bored. They **went** to a boat rental and **rented** a canoe.

Jessica wanted to phone her friends but her phone **had fallen** into the water.

What is the structure of the past perfect tense?

Aux. had / subject / verb past participle / complement

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When using the past perfect, is it better to use the contracted form? I'd / you'd / she'd / he'd, etc.

True false

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Match the rules with the right tenses

We use this tense to describe the main events in a story.

To describe a situation at the beginning of the story.

When actions are interrupted by main events in the past simple. We use words like While / When / as

We use this tense to describe an event that happened before the story started, or earlier in the story than the main event.

Past perfect

Past simple

Past continous

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