

Worksheet 2: Grammar focus

1. Underline all the verbs in the story. How many tenses are there? Which tense is the most common in a story?

2. Find examples of the tenses in the story and complete the chart:

tense	examples from text were, lived, worked
past perfect	

3. Look at the examples of the past perfect and decide which of the sentence endings (a-c) completes the rule. Circle the correct answer.

We use the past perfect ...

- a. ... to describe actions or situations which happened a long time ago.
- b. ... to describe past actions which are relevant in the present.
- c. ... when we are talking about the past and we want to talk about something that happened before this time.

4. Look at the examples of the past continuous and past simple and complete the rules with *simple* or *continuous*:

- a. We use the past _____ to show that something was in progress (it had started but had not finished).

b. We use the past _____ for shorter, completed actions.

c. We use the past _____ for consecutive past actions.

5. Check your understanding by putting the verbs in the following passage in the correct past tense (simple, continuous or perfect)

Yesterday I _____ (wake up) and the sun
_____ (shine). I _____ (get up) and
_____ (have) a shower. While I _____
(have) my shower, I _____ (remember) that I
_____ (have) a very strange dream.