

Empower B2 U2A

Narrative tenses

1 GRAMMAR Narrative tenses

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I had / was having / had had a quick shower and ran for the bus.
- 2 Sorry, when you called, I spoke / was speaking / had spoken to a customer.
- 3 By the time Jane arrived for dinner, everyone left / had left / has left.
- 4 He set / had set / was setting the watch to 00:00 and began to run the marathon.
- 5 The phone had been / was / has been ringing for about a minute when I answered it.
- 6 What have you done / had you done / were you doing in the garage all that time?
- 7 We were buying / bought / had been buying some fruit and went to the next shop.
- 8 Someone had broken / was breaking / had been breaking the window, but we didn't see who it was.
- 9 Hi, had you waited / were you waiting / you waited for me?
- 10 The manager stood up and had made / was making / made a speech.

2 VOCABULARY Expressions with *get*

a Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

attention away down hold involved point rid swept

- 1 All this grey weather is really getting me down and I feel quite depressed.
- 2 There isn't enough space. We need to get rid of all this rubbish.
- 3 Simon is a very busy man. You can never get hold of him when you need him.
- 4 The waves are really big, so be careful not to get swept away.
- 5 Let's get straight to the point and not waste time.
- 6 To get the waiter's attention in this restaurant you need to ring the bell.
- 7 It's been a very long term. I'd like to get away this summer – not sure where.
- 8 Don't get involved in all Karen's problems. People will start blaming you.