

NARRATIVE TENSES

1- Fill in the gaps with the most appropriate narrative tenses of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous or past perfect simple.

Yellow Sheet

This story is based on true events that 1 _____ (happen) many, many years ago in Scotland. One day, Mr Clark 2 _____ (walk) home with a smile on his face. He 3 _____ (carry) something very valuable in his hand: tickets for a long, long journey.

After many years working and saving, Mr Clark 4 _____ (save) all the money he needed to take all his family to the United States. Earlier that afternoon he 5 _____ (buy) all the tickets that now he 6 _____ (hold) in his hand. It was the opportunity of their lives. "The United States of America," he repeated aloud just to see how nice it 7 _____ (sound) in his ears.

A few days before their departure, Mr Clark's son 8 _____ (play) in the street when a dog 9 _____ (bite) him. The doctor 10 _____ (go) to their home and 11 _____ (treat) the child's wound. Then he 12 _____ (hang) a yellow sheet on their front door. That yellow sheet meant that they 13 _____ (just/be) quarantined. They 14 _____ (have) to stay at home for two weeks because of the possibility of rabies.

Five days later, Mr Clark was at the docks. He 15 _____ (leave) the house and now he 16 _____ (watch) their ship leave to the United States without him or his family. When the ship 17 _____ (disappear) in the horizon, he 18 _____ (stand up) and 19 _____ (go) back home, crying.

A few days later, the tragic news spread throughout Scotland - the mighty Titanic 20 _____ (sink), taking hundreds of lives with it.