

## Narrative Tenses

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PAST SIMPLE

*I did*

PAST  
CONTINUOUS

*I was doing*

PAST PERFECT

*I had done*

PAST PERFECT

*I had been  
doing*

- Read the following imaginary paragraph from the story and put the verbs in the appropriate forms.

Jerry's mother 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (*sit*) on the terrace of the holiday house that she 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (*rent*) for the past few weeks. She 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (*think*) about the fact that their holiday 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (*soon/be*) over, and 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (*worry*) about Jerry. He 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (*behave*) so strangely in the past few days, she 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (*reflect*). He 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (*suddenly/ become*) so cool and distant. Something 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (*change*) in their relationship.

She 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (*get up*) and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (*walk*) towards the balcony and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (*look*) out towards the beach, hoping to catch a glimpse of Jerry. He 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (*leave*) the house earlier that day to go swimming. She 14. \_\_\_\_\_ he 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (*not/do*) anything foolish. School 16. \_\_\_\_\_ (*start*) in a few days' time and she 17. \_\_\_\_\_ (*not want*) him to begin the term in a state of agitation. She 18. \_\_\_\_\_ (*go down*) to the beach to look for Jerry when he suddenly 19. \_\_\_\_\_ (*catch*) sight of him slowly climbing the hill towards the house.