




NARRATIVE TENSES

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| <p>To talk about a completed event in the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * John played football yesterday with his friends. * I made a cake on Sunday. * It rained a lot yesterday evening. <p>To talk about one event that followed another event. (Chronological order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When Joanne finished university, she got a job in a bank and after 5 years she wrote an autobiography. <p>*When I returned with my camera, the bird flew away.</p>  | <p>To talk about an action that was in progress when something else happened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Last Saturday, John was playing football with his friends when he saw Joanne. * The phone rang while I was cooking dinner. * It was raining when I left work. <p>In a story we often use the past continuous to say what was in progress, when something happened. (To set the atmosphere)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The sun was shining. The kids were playing football and the parents were sitting under the trees. Suddenly, it started raining... | <p>To talk about an action in the past that happened before another action in the past. (The past of the past)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We had already put the fire out when the firemen arrived. (First, we extinguished the fire, then the firemen arrived.) <p>*When I returned with my camera, the bird had flown away.</p>  | <p>To talk about an action in the past which happened over a period of time before another action in the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Yesterday when I was driving, the ground was wet because it had been raining all night.  |

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| <p>😊 + verb past + rest +) I went to the park yesterday.</p> <p>😊 + did not + verb simple form + rest. -) I did not go to the park yesterday. (did not = didn't)</p> <p>Did + 😊 + verb s.f. + rest ? ?) Did I go to the park yesterday? Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.</p> | <p>+) 😊 + was/were + verb -ing. I was working. You were playing.</p> <p>-) 😊 + was not/were not + verb -ing. I wasn't working. You weren't playing.</p> <p>?) Was/ Were + 😊 + -ing ? Was I working? Yes, I was. No, I wasn't Were you playing? Yes, I was. No, I wasn't</p> <p>I, He, She, It was / You, We, They were</p> | <p>+) 😊 had verb p.p. I had left my wallet at home.</p> <p>-) 😊 hadn't verb p.p. I hadn't left my wallet at home.</p> <p>?) 😊 had verb p.p. Had I left my wallet at home. Yes, I had. / No, I hadn't.</p> | <p>+) 😊 had been + verb -ing I had been swimming in the pool.</p> <p>-) 😊 hadn't been + verb -ing I hadn't been swimming in the pool.</p> <p>?) Had 😊 been + verb -ing...? Had I been swimming in the pool? Yes, I had. / No, I hadn't.</p> |

| PRESENT | PAST | PAST PARTICIPLE |
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| work | worked | worked |
| jump | jumped | jumped |
| think | thought | thought |
| do | did | done |
| begin | began | begun |
| eat | ate | eaten |
| go | went | gone |
| sing | sang | sung |