

A NARRATIVE

FOCUS ON LANGUAGE

Narrative tenses

1 Complete the sentences with the correct past form of the bold verbs. (10 marks)

- 1 While we were driving to the airport, I realized that I _____ (forgot) my sunglasses.
- 2 When we arrived we noticed that everyone _____ (wear) shorts.
- 3 I was exhausted because I _____ (not sleep) well the night before.
- 4 We _____ (hire) a car when we went to Germany.
- 5 He hit his leg on a rock while he _____ (swim) in the sea.
- 6 I had a shower as soon as I _____ (get) back to the hotel.
- 7 As soon as we arrived in Amsterdam, we _____ (know) that we were going to love the place.
- 8 While I _____ (have) a shower, I noticed that I was a bit sunburned.
- 9 I was nervous because I _____ (not be) on holiday without my parents before.
- 10 The taxi driver wasn't paying attention and he nearly _____ (have) an accident.

Time expressions & sequencing words

2 Complete the sentences with *while*, *when* or *then*. More than one answer may be possible. (3 marks)

- 1 We had our lunch and _____ we went into the sea.
- 2 _____ I got to the chiringuito, I realized I had left my money on the beach.
- 3 _____ we were waiting for our train, I met my school friend, Mark.

3 Complete the sentences with *after* or *afterwards*. (3 marks)

- 1 _____ our holiday had finished, we all felt depressed.
- 2 I sunbathed on the beach for several hours. _____ I didn't feel well.
- 3 _____ we'd had lunch, we sat by the swimming pool.

4 Complete the sentences with *suddenly* or *as soon as*. (4 marks)

- 1 We went on holiday _____ I had finished my exams.
- 2 We were out in a pedal boat and _____ it started to rain.
- 3 I was driving along the motorway and _____ I began to feel tired.
- 4 _____ my dad put up the tent, it fell down again.

FOCUS ON THE TEXT

5 Choose the correct alternatives in these paragraphs. (10 marks)

- A (1) **When / While** we arrived at the beach, we went straight into the sea. It was so romantic because there was nobody else there, just Laura and me.
- B I (2) **just relaxed / was just relaxing** on the sand when (3) **suddenly / afterwards** Laura ran out of the sea. She was crying and holding her foot. (4) **While / Then** I realised she had walked on a scorpion fish! We didn't know what to do. The hospital was 20 kilometres away and we (5) **didn't have / hadn't** a car.
- C After a short time we got out and looked for a beautiful spot to eat the picnic which we (6) **were bringing / had brought**. But (7) **as soon as / then** we had found a place, Laura decided to go back into the sea for one more swim.
- D (8) **Last year / While** I was on holiday in Galicia with my parents and my girlfriend, Laura. We were having fun but Laura and I desperately wanted to spend some time alone.
- E We went into a bar near the beach and the barman knew exactly what to do. He put her foot in hot water and (9) **afterwards / after** five minutes the pain went away.
- F So we decided to go to the beach on our own one day (10) **while / the next day** my parents went sightseeing.

6 Put the paragraphs in exercise 5 in the correct order to make a narrative text about a holiday. (5 marks)

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