

PAST TENSES

Complete the gaps with an appropriate tense form.

One fine morning, a man 1) *...was fishing...* (fish) in a river. The sun 2) (shine) and the man 3) (sit) on the river bank. Everything was very quiet and peaceful. The man 4) (wait) patiently for several hours when suddenly he 5) (feel) something pulling on the fishing line. He 6) (stand up) quickly and 7) (begin) to take in the line. He 8) (just/lift) the huge fish he had caught out of the water when there was a loud splash and it fell back into the river. At first, the man didn't know what 9) (happen). Then, he 10) (look) carefully at his fishing line. It 11) (snap). The poor man was so disappointed that he 12) (pack) away all his things and went home.

Which of the past forms in the text above are used to express:

- 1 emphasis on the duration of an action which started and finished in the past before another past action or a stated time in the past
- 2 action which happened at a definite time in the past-time stated, known or implied
- 3 actions which happened immediately one after the other in the past
- 4 to describe the atmosphere, the setting, etc. in the introduction to a story
- 5 action which happened before another past action