

# Cambridge Grammar

## Narrative Tenses

Read the theory and solve the activities.

### 5 Fill in the gaps with the past simple, past perfect or past perfect continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 I 'd never ridden (never ride) a bike until I went (go) to live in Amsterdam.
- 2 When Martin came (come) into the room, his mother nearly fainted (faint) because she hadn't seen (not see) him for nearly 20 years.
- 3 We were held up in a traffic jam so the concert had begun (begin) by the time we arrived.
- 4 How long had you applied (you / apply) for jobs when you got (get) this one?
- 5 I hadn't seen (not see) Lisa when I went round last night because she had gone (go) to stay with her grandmother.
- 6 I had driven (drive) for about four hours when I realised (realise) that I was completely lost.
- 7 When I went (go) into the room, everyone had stopped (stop) talking and had looked (look) at me.
- 8 After he washed (wash) his clothes, he had hung (hang) them outside to dry.
- 9 The manager was shocked when he discovered (discover) that Jane was a thief. Up until then he had believed (believe) that she was completely honest.
- 10 (you / ever do) had you ever done (you / ever do) any carpentry before you built (build) that cupboard?

### 6 Fill in the gaps with the past simple, past perfect or past perfect continuous form of these verbs.

agree answer arrange arrive bang come forget have hear move phone play

#### The band played on ...

I had a rather embarrassing experience last year. At that time I played in a band with some friends of mine and, rather nervously, we (1) 'd agreed to provide the music at a friend's wedding. We (2) had been together for about three months and it was the first booking we (3) had ever (ever) so we'd been practising really hard. The wedding was on a Saturday.



The day before the wedding I had moved to a new flat so I (4) had moved furniture all day and gone to bed exhausted. At nine o'clock on the Saturday morning the rest of the band met, as we (5) were phoning (not), to practise. They kept phoning me but I (6) hadn't answered (not). So in the end one of them (7) had run round and (8) had banged on my door for fifteen minutes until I woke up.

He told me that they (9) had phoned me all morning. I (10) hadn't done (not) anything and I nearly missed the wedding. Then, when I finally (11) arrived at the wedding, I realised that I (12) hadn't brought my guitar.

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