

a Read the first part of the story and find examples of each tense below.

- 1 the past perfect *had ended* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 the past perfect continuous \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 the past continuous \_\_\_\_\_

## The most embarrassing moment of my life (Richard, Austin)

### Part 1

When I was about nine years old, I used to go to the movies every Saturday morning – in those days it was very popular. After the movie had ended, I would go to a toy shop and look at model planes and trains, and sometimes I bought them with the money that I had been carefully saving. One day after the movie, I went to a big department store to look at the model planes they had. I didn't buy anything, but as I was leaving a very large man grabbed my arm violently and accused me of shoplifting. The

man said that he was a store detective. Because I had been concentrating on the toys, I hadn't noticed that he had been watching me. He made me empty my pockets and he went through my coat, searching for stolen goods, even though I told him very clearly that I had only been looking. Of course he didn't find anything, but by this time several people had stopped to see what was happening. I felt very embarrassed and humiliated that so many people were looking at me, and I was very glad to leave the store when it was all over.

