

NARRATIVE TENSES:

Choose the correct option from the words in italics to complete the following texts.

Text 1

A few years ago, I spent a holiday in Indonesia, and while I was there I ¹ **took / was taking** a boat trip to a remote island. I have always been interested in birds and ² **was being told / had been told** that there was some great bird-watching on the islands. As soon as we reached our destination, everyone ³ **went / had gone** in different directions to explore. I was so keen to do the same that I ⁴ **hadn't listened / wasn't listening** when the guide told us what time to return to the boat. I ⁵ **set off / had set off** towards a beach, I could see in the distance, where I ⁶ **had hoped / hoped** to find some interesting birds. After spending some time looking at some fabulous wildlife through my binoculars, and after I ⁷ **had taken / was taking** several photographs, I suddenly ⁸ **had realized / realized** that I had no idea what the time was, or when we were meant to be back at the boat. I quickly gathered my things and ⁹ **raced / was racing** back when I saw the boat disappearing into the distance. Luckily, one of the other passengers ¹⁰ **was noticing / had noticed** that I was missing and the boat soon turned around to pick me up. Much as I loved the island, I didn't really want to spend the night there alone!

Text 2

Steve and Julia didn't have the honeymoon they ¹ **were always dreaming / had always dreamt** of. When they arrived at the airport, their flight ² **took / had taken off**. They had to catch another flight later on and ³ **missed / were missing** most of the first day of their honeymoon.

There was another problem, when they arrived at their hotel. While they ⁴ **were waiting / waited** for a room, one of their bags ⁵ **had disappeared / disappeared**. Fortunately, it was returned soon after - one of the other guests ⁶ **was taking / had taken** it by mistake.

They decided to enjoy the rest of the day and visit the city centre. They ⁷ **were going / had already gone** back to the hotel when it started to rain heavily. The taxi driver said he ⁸ **hadn't seen / didn't see** such bad weather in a long time. It ⁹ **had rained / had been raining** most of the week; but fortunately, they ¹⁰ **had already gone / went** back home when a hurricane hit the island. While they ¹¹ **were watching / had watched** the news at home, they ¹² **felt / had felt** really lucky after all.