

# Intermediate 9

## NARRATIVE TENSES

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### I. Complete the paragraph using simple past or past continuous.

Last night, I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) my dog in the park when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain heavily. I immediately \_\_\_\_\_ (run) for shelter under a nearby tree, but my dog was playing and he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) too much fun splashing in the puddles to care about the weather. He \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) himself so much that he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/want) to go home, so we stayed in the park for a while longer. Eventually, the rain \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) and we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) able to finish our walk without getting drenched. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a fun adventure, but we were both exhausted by the time we \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home.

### II. Complete with simple past, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

1. Before the concert \_\_\_\_\_ (begin), we \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) in line for two hours.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) their dinner when the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_ (ring).
3. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (leave). It was too late.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the same company for over ten years before she \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to start her own business.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to go for a picnic last Sunday, but the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) too bad.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) to buy a new car for a long time, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/can) afford one.
7. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the theater, the movie \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (start), so I \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the first five minutes.

