

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.

