

GRAMMAR

1C: Narrative Tenses

I. Drag the sentences and drop on their explanation.

Sentences	Explanation
I had expected her to be rude, but she was very kind.	a) A past action that contrasts with an earlier expectation
1. When we arrived, they had already left the party.	b) A long action that continued before a point in the past
2. He was giving his presentation when I first saw him.	c) An action that had happened before another past action
3. By the time she called, I had already finished my homework.	d) An action that was completed before a specific time in the past
4. They had been waiting for hours before the train finally arrived.	e) An ongoing action interrupted by another event
5. We were talking when the lights suddenly went out.	f) An action that was ongoing before a past point, emphasizing duration
6. I had been hoping for better results, but I didn't do well in the exam.	g) An action that was in progress in the past when another action happened

II. Choose the correct alternatives.

Ex: Before he first (had met / met) his students, he (had thought / thought) they wouldn't come close to his expectations. Clearly, he couldn't be more wrong.

1. She (worked / had been working) on the project all night when the deadline (had arrived / arrived).
2. They (had talked / talked) about their plans before we (had met / met), so we (was known / knew) what to expect.
3. We (had been waiting / were waiting) for the train for an hour when it finally (had come / came).
4. By the time the event (had started / started), we (had been waiting / were waiting) for a long time.

5. I (had hoped / hoped) the presentation would go well, but it (had been / was) less impressive than I had expected.
6. While she (had been studying / was studying) for the exam, her friends (had called / called) her several times.
7. I (had been waiting / was waiting) for the bus when it suddenly (started / had started) raining.
8. She (had finished / finished) her homework before her friends (had arrived / arrived) for the study group.
9. By the time we (got / had gotten) to the concert, our favorite band (had already started / was already starting) playing.
10. They (had been discussing / were discussing) the new project for a few weeks before they (had finalized / finalized) their plans.