

Narrative tenses

a Circle the correct form.

When the teacher collected the exam papers he saw that Robbie cheated / had cheated.

- 1 They didn't play well in the match although they were training / had trained every evening.
- 2 Mike had an accident as he cycled / was cycling to work.
- 3 I left work early because I wanted / was wanting to watch the match.
- 4 There was a lot of traffic, and when we arrived, the match already started / had already started.
- 5 The captain didn't score / hadn't scored any goals when the referee sent him off.
- 6 My son got injured while he played / was playing basketball last Saturday.
- 7 When the snowstorm started, we stopped / had stopped skiing and went back to the hotel.
- 8 England didn't lose / hadn't lost any of their previous games when they played in the quarter-finals.
- 9 The referee suspended the match because it was raining / rained so hard.

b Complete with the past simple, past continuous, or past perfect.

The marathon runner was sweating when she crossed the finish line. (sweat, cross)

- 1 The accident _____ when they _____ home. (happen, drive)
- 2 The crowd _____ when the referee _____ the final whistle. (cheer, blow)
- 3 I _____ Jane at first because she _____ so much. (not recognize, change)
- 4 The police _____ my sister on the motorway because she _____ a seat belt. (stop, not wear)
- 5 Some of the players _____ while the coach _____ to them. (not listen, talk)
- 6 We _____ use the ski slope because it _____ enough. (not can, not snow)
- 7 They _____ play tennis because they _____ a court. (not able to, not book)
- 8 The player _____ a yellow card because he _____ his shirt after scoring a goal. (get, take off)