

**Week 23**  
**Narrative Tenses**  
**A2 - B1**  
**TOEFL PREPARATION**  
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First part.

**Complete the narrative below using the correct tense.**

Mary was one of 185 passengers on a British Airways flight to Warsaw. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**FEEL**) very excited when she \_\_\_\_\_ (**GET**) on the plane at Gatwick Airport. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**WAIT**) a long time for this day. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**FINALLY LEAVE**) England to start her new job in the eastern European capital.



Mary was an experienced traveller. When she was younger, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**FLY**) around a lot. In those days her father \_\_\_\_\_ (**BE**) a diplomat and every few years the whole family \_\_\_\_\_ (**HAVE TO**) move to a different country.

Not long after the plane \_\_\_\_\_ (**TAKE**) off the captain \_\_\_\_\_ (**TELL**) the passengers that they \_\_\_\_\_ (**HAVE**) to return to the airport. For the first time Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (**START**) to worry. A few minutes later she \_\_\_\_\_ (**SEE**) the lights of the airport and \_\_\_\_\_ (**WONDER**) why there were fire engines and ambulances standing nearby. At that time, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**NOT KNOW**) that the plane's front wheel \_\_\_\_\_ (**FALL**) off during take-off.

Suddenly, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (**FEEL**) a strange bump and when the plane \_\_\_\_\_ (**COME**) to a stop some passengers \_\_\_\_\_ (**CRY**). Fortunately, the pilot \_\_\_\_\_ (**MAKE**) a perfect landing and nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (**BE**) injured. Mary was a little shaken but she still \_\_\_\_\_ (**HOPE**) she would be able to catch the next flight to Warsaw.

**Second Part**

Make an oral presentation about a personal anecdote.  
Use the narrative tenses. You will be graded on: **fluency, grammar usage, vocabulary usage and pronunciation.**