

# Narrative Tenses

Complete the following short story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple, or Past Perfect Continuous tense.

## The Thompsons go hiking

It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a hot summer morning when The Thompsons \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to go for a hike and camp in the woods for a night.

First, they \_\_\_\_\_ (pack) some food and a tent, and \_\_\_\_\_ (put) on light clothes. Then, they \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the bus station. Their car \_\_\_\_\_ (break) down a week before, and the mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ (still work) on it, so they \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a bus. They just \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to have a family adventure!

The journey \_\_\_\_\_ (take) longer than expected - about 2 hours - and the road \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a bit bumpy. So the kids \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) rather sick when they \_\_\_\_\_ (get) off the bus. They \_\_\_\_\_ (rest) for a while and \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) some fresh water. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (get) better, they \_\_\_\_\_ (set) off on a small trail into the forest.

The kids \_\_\_\_\_ (be) delighted! They \_\_\_\_\_ (never be) on a hiking trip before. Mum and Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to take them to the countryside for years, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) always quite busy with work. The night before, however, they \_\_\_\_\_ (think) they could take a couple of days off and enjoy some family time. Before leaving the house, they \_\_\_\_\_ (make) sure they \_\_\_\_\_ (switch) their mobile phones off so that nothing would spoil their fun.

They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) for a couple of hours, enjoying the landscape and gentle breeze, when suddenly, a phone \_\_\_\_\_ (chime). Whose phone was it?

