



ASSIGNMENT NARRATIVE TENSES

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1 Complete the text with the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs below.

be (x2) become be-bora climb complete not go have to name take part write

Sir Ranulph Fiennes<sup>0</sup> was born on 7th March 1944 and by the age of 70, he<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on numerous expeditions around the world. He<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the first person to visit both North and South poles and<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the first person to cross Antarctica on foot. In 2003, despite suffering from a heart attack just four months before, he<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ seven marathons in seven days. At the age of 65 he<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the summit of Mount Everest, becoming the oldest British person ever to do so. He's also had a number of setbacks on his journeys. In 2013, 'The Coldest Journey' expedition<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as he expected. While he<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the expedition, he<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ give up because of frostbite and was evacuated from Antarctica. *The Guinness Book of World Records*<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him the world's greatest living explorer. He<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ over 23 books by the time he was 70.

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2 Write sentences using the past simple and past continuous, and *when* or *while*.

- 0 We / sail / across the ocean / we / see / a shark.  
*We were sailing across the ocean when we saw a shark.*
- 1 We / see / two crocodiles / kayak / Amazon river.  
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- 2 He / cycle / Indonesia / avoid / collision / motorcycle.  
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- 3 The plane / fly / over the sea / catch / fierce storm.  
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- 4 Sam / suffer / dehydration / trek / the desert.  
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3 Rewrite the sentences to make one sentence starting with the words in brackets.

- 0 Her equipment wasn't functioning properly. She still managed to reach the North Pole. (despite)  
*Despite her equipment not functioning properly, she still managed to reach the North Pole.*
- 1 The weather was appalling. They decided to continue their journey. (although)  
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- 2 We never lost sight of our goal. It was a difficult challenge. (in spite of)  
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- 3 She travelled solo across India. She didn't have much motorcycling experience. (even though)  
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- 4 I decided to cycle the whole length of the UK to raise money for charity. It was an exhausting challenge. (although)  
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4 Write sentences using the past perfect continuous. Then match the parts of the sentences.

- 0 She / train / hard Sahara Desert Trek  
*She had been training hard for the Sahara Desert Trek.*
- 1 He / kayak / two days  
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- 2 They / plan / voyage / months  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She / swim / river  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 It / rain / non-stop / days  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 They / sail / near glacier  
\_\_\_\_\_

- A before they set out. \_
- B not long before the shark was spotted. \_
- C causing the worst flooding in years. \_
- D but fell ill just before she could start the event. 1
- E when some ice fell and hit their boat. \_
- F when he encountered the poisonous snake. \_

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