

UNIT 7 – TELLING STORIES

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Narrative Tenses – Practice

1. Complete the sentences with past perfect simple or continuous of the verbs in brackets. Which verbs can be in either tense?

0 Lizzie had been staying with her sister when her exam results came out, so they celebrated together. (stay)

1 Katie phoned her friends as soon as she _____ the tickets. (book)

2 The fields were covered in water because it _____ heavily for several days. (rain)

3 We _____ for the concert for weeks and were very disappointed when it was cancelled. (prepare)

4 I couldn't go to Jane's party because I _____ to babysit for my aunt. (already agree)

5 When I checked my phone, I discovered Simon _____ three times. (text)

6 We weren't surprised when we saw Nicky's new bike, because we knew she _____ to get one for ages. (want)

2.- Complete the story with the past simple, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous of the verbs in the box.

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We had a dreadful journey home last night. There ¹ _____ a thunderstorm earlier in the day, which ² _____ lots of incoming flights, including our plane. We ³ _____ for three hours by the time we ⁴ _____ the plane. All the passengers ⁵ _____ in their seats, the flight attendants ⁶ _____ already ⁷ _____ the safety talk and the plane ⁸ _____ a bang and all the lights ⁹ _____.

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Of course, everyone was terrified. The plane ¹⁰ _____ to the
departure building and we all ¹¹ _____. Luckily, it
¹² _____ that a small electrical fault ¹³ _____ the
problem. Once the safety checks ¹⁴ _____, we
¹⁵ _____ take off.

It was seven hours since we ¹⁶ _____ at the airport and we
¹⁷ _____ anything all that time, so we ¹⁸ _____
the inflight meal more than we had expected to! And when we
¹⁹ _____ safely at the end of the flight, everyone
²⁰ _____!