

## Telling stories

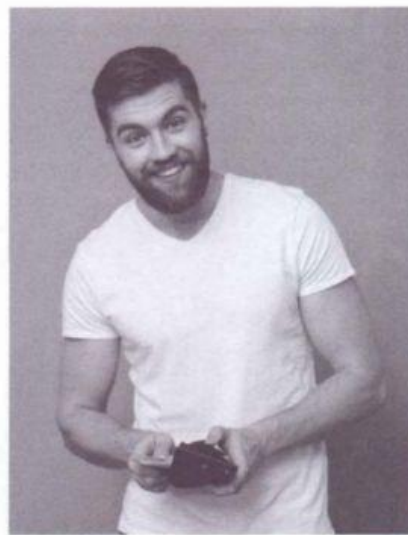
## Narrative Tenses

### Grammar

#### 1 Choose the correct words or phrases to complete the text.

My brother Nick and I <sup>1</sup>... dinner one evening when suddenly the doorbell rang. When I answered the door, a police officer <sup>2</sup>... there. He <sup>3</sup>... to speak to my brother Nick. I went inside and told Nick. He <sup>4</sup>... eating and went to the door. The police officer told Nick a woman <sup>5</sup>... his wallet earlier that morning, and she <sup>6</sup>... it to the police station. Of course, Nick was very pleased, but he <sup>7</sup>... it was missing. Later, Nick <sup>8</sup>... the woman who found his wallet to thank her.

- 1 a had b were having c have
- 2 a stand b standing c was standing
- 3 a was asking b asked c had asked
- 4 a was stopping b stop c stopped
- 5 a find b finding c had found
- 6 a had taken b was taking c take
- 7 a didn't realize b was not realizing c hadn't realized
- 8 a was calling b called c had called



#### 2 Complete the sentences with the words or phrases in the box.

hadn't done    hadn't got    fell    was watching    called    had left

- 1 I was doing my homework when I \_\_\_\_\_ asleep.
- 2 My roommates were angry because I \_\_\_\_\_ my chores.
- 3 She couldn't find her cell phone. She \_\_\_\_\_ it in the library.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ TV while my friends did the dishes.
- 5 Andy \_\_\_\_\_ back from the store when his girlfriend turned up.
- 6 Who \_\_\_\_\_ while I was out?

#### 3 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.

One day I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the park eating my lunch, when suddenly I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) someone shouting. A boy on a bicycle <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) by very fast and a woman was running after him. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) at him to stop. Then she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) us that the boy <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) her bag.