

Empower B2 U2A

Narrative tenses

1 GRAMMAR Narrative tenses

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I *had* / *was having* / *had had* a quick shower and ran for the bus.
- 2 Sorry, when you called, I *spoke* / *was speaking* / *had spoken* to a customer.
- 3 By the time Jane arrived for dinner, everyone *left* / *had left* / *has left*.
- 4 He *set* / *had set* / *was setting* the watch to 00:00 and began to run the marathon.
- 5 The phone *had been* / *was* / *has been* ringing for about a minute when I answered it.
- 6 What *have you done* / *had you done* / *were you doing* in the garage all that time?
- 7 We *were buying* / *bought* / *had been buying* some fruit and went to the next shop.
- 8 Someone *had broken* / *was breaking* / *had been breaking* the window, but we didn't see who it was.
- 9 Hi, *had you waited* / *were you waiting* / *you waited* for me?
- 10 The manager stood up and *had made* / *was making* / *made* a speech.

2 VOCABULARY Expressions with *get*

a Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

attention away ~~down~~ hold involved point rid swept

- 1 All this grey weather is really getting me down and I feel quite depressed.
- 2 There isn't enough space. We need to get _____ of all this rubbish.
- 3 Simon is a very busy man. You can never get _____ of him when you need him.
- 4 The waves are really big, so be careful not to get _____ away.
- 5 Let's get straight to the _____ and not waste time.
- 6 To get the waiter's _____ in this restaurant you need to ring the bell.
- 7 It's been a very long term. I'd like to get _____ this summer – not sure where.
- 8 Don't get _____ in all Karen's problems. People will start blaming you.