

Unit 5 Grammar

- A. After reading the infographic on the use of the past tenses, complete the following exercises.

GRAMMAR

- 1 a** Match sentence halves 1–3 with a–c. Which sentence do you find most shocking?

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| 1 His teeth had been chattering so violently, | a when the storm finally died down. |
| 2 He had been shivering so hard, | b he had really bad backache. |
| 3 They had been lying there in the snow for two days | c he found pieces of tooth in his mouth. |

- b** Look at the verbs in bold in 1a. Answer the questions.

- Are they describing...
 - an action that was completed at a given point in time?
 - an action that was in progress over a period of time?
- Which action happened first?
 - The ones in the first half of the sentences.
 - The ones in the second half of the sentences.

- He **was waiting** on the corner when I got there.
- He **had been waiting** for almost an hour and was really angry.
- He **had waited** for almost an hour before he left.

- b** Match sentences 1–3 in 3a with descriptions a–c.

- Two actions that happened at the same time. We don't know how long the longer action lasted. _____
- Two actions that happened consecutively, one in response to the other. _____
- An action that was in progress for some time until a moment in the past. _____

5 Choose the correct options to complete the text.

Ernest Shackleton led an incredible expedition across the Antarctic from 1914–16. He ⁽¹⁾*had already completed / had already been completing* successful expeditions in the region, one with Scott, but no one ⁽²⁾*had yet succeeded / had yet been succeeding* in crossing the continent. He and his crew ⁽³⁾*had sailed / had been sailing* south for five months when their ship, the *Endurance*, got stuck in pack ice. They camped there for a while, but the force of the ice was so strong it crushed the ship. Shackleton ⁽⁴⁾*was planning / had been planning* for this expedition for some time and he was not about to give up. He and his men unloaded their supplies and they set up camp on a piece of floating ice.