

# Cambridge Grammar

## Narrative Tenses

Read the theory and solve the activities.

5 Fill in the gaps with the past simple, past perfect or past perfect continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 I 'd never ridden (never ride) a bike until I went (go) to live in Amsterdam.
- 2 When Martin \_\_\_\_\_ (come) into the room, his mother nearly \_\_\_\_\_ (faint) because she \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) him for nearly 20 years.
- 3 We were held up in a traffic jam so the concert \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) by the time we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
- 4 How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / apply) for jobs when you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) this one?
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) Lisa when I went round last night because she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to stay with her grandmother.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) for about four hours when I \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) that I was completely lost.
- 7 When I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the room, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) talking and \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at me.
- 8 After he \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) his clothes, he \_\_\_\_\_ (hang) them outside to dry.
- 9 The manager was shocked when he \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) that Jane was a thief. Up until then he \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) that she was completely honest.
- 10 (you / ever do) \_\_\_\_\_ any carpentry before you \_\_\_\_\_ (build) that cupboard?

6 Fill in the gaps with the past simple, past perfect or past perfect continuous form of these verbs.

agree answer arrange arrive bang come forget have hear move phone play

### The band played on ...

I had a rather embarrassing experience last year. At that time I played in a band with some friends of mine and, rather nervously, we (1) 'd agreed to provide the music at a friend's wedding. We (2) \_\_\_\_\_ together for about three months and it was the first booking we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (ever) so we'd been practising really hard. The wedding was on a Saturday.



The day before the wedding I had moved to a new flat so I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ furniture all day and gone to bed exhausted. At nine o'clock on the Saturday morning the rest of the band met, as we (5) \_\_\_\_\_, to practise. They kept phoning me but I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (not). So in the end one of them (7) \_\_\_\_\_ round and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on my door for fifteen minutes until I woke up.

He told me that they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ me all morning. I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (not) anything and I nearly missed the wedding. Then, when I finally (11) \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding, I realised that I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ my guitar.

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