

GRAMMAR

1C: Narrative Tenses

I. Drag the sentences and drop on their explanation.

| Sentences | Explanation |
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| I had expected her to be rude, but she was very kind. | a) A past action that contrasts with an earlier expectation |
| 1. When we arrived, they had already left the party. | b) A long action that continued before a point in the past |
| 2. He was giving his presentation when I first saw him. | c) An action that had happened before another past action |
| 3. By the time she called, I had already finished my homework. | d) An action that was completed before a specific time in the past |
| 4. They had been waiting for hours before the train finally arrived. | e) An ongoing action interrupted by another event |
| 5. We were talking when the lights suddenly went out. | f) An action that was ongoing before a past point, emphasizing duration |
| 6. I had been hoping for better results, but I didn't do well in the exam. | g) An action that was in progress in the past when another action happened |

II. Choose the correct alternatives.

Ex: Before he first (had met / met) his students, he (had thought / thought) they wouldn't come close to his expectations. Clearly, he couldn't be more wrong.

1. She (worked / had been working) on the project all night when the deadline (had arrived / arrived).
2. They (had talked / talked) about their plans before we (had met / met), so we (was known / knew) what to expect.
3. We (had been waiting / were waiting) for the train for an hour when it finally (had come / came).
4. By the time the event (had started / started), we (had been waiting / were waiting) for a long time.

5. I (had hoped / hoped) the presentation would go well, but it (had been / was) less impressive than I had expected.
6. While she (had been studying / was studying) for the exam, her friends (had called / called) her several times.
7. I (had been waiting / was waiting) for the bus when it suddenly (started / had started) raining.
8. She (had finished / finished) her homework before her friends (had arrived / arrived) for the study group.
9. By the time we (got / had gotten) to the concert, our favorite band (had already started / was already starting) playing.
10. They (had been discussing / were discussing) the new project for a few weeks before they (had finalized / finalized) their plans.