

Narrative tenses

a Circle the correct form.

When the teacher collected the exam papers he saw that Robbie *cheated* / *had cheated*.

- 1 They didn't play well in the match although they were *training* / *had trained* every evening.
- 2 Mike had an accident as he *cycled* / *was cycling* to work.
- 3 I left work early because I *wanted* / *was wanting* to watch the match.
- 4 There was a lot of traffic, and when we arrived, the match *already started* / *had already started*.
- 5 The captain *didn't score* / *hadn't scored* any goals when the referee sent him off.
- 6 My son got injured while he *played* / *was playing* basketball last Saturday.
- 7 When the snowstorm started, we *stopped* / *had stopped* skiing and went back to the hotel.
- 8 England *didn't lose* / *hadn't lost* any of their previous games when they played in the quarter-finals.
- 9 The referee suspended the match because it was *raining* / *rained* so hard.

b Complete with the past simple, past continuous, or past perfect.

The marathon runner *was sweating* when she *crossed* the finish line. (sweat, cross)

- 1 The accident _____ when they _____ home. (happen, drive)
- 2 The crowd _____ when the referee _____ the final whistle. (cheer, blow)
- 3 I _____ Jane at first because she _____ so much. (not recognize, change)
- 4 The police _____ my sister on the motorway because she _____ a seat belt. (stop, not wear)
- 5 Some of the players _____ while the coach _____ to them. (not listen, talk)
- 6 We _____ use the ski slope because it _____ enough. (not can, not snow)
- 7 They _____ play tennis because they _____ a court. (not able to, not book)
- 8 The player _____ a yellow card because he _____ his shirt after scoring a goal. (get, take off)