

Narrative Tenses

Complete the following short story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple, or Past Perfect Continuous tense.

The Thompsons go hiking

It _____ (be) a hot summer morning when The Thompsons _____ (want) to go for a hike and camp in the woods for a night.

First, they _____ (pack) some food and a tent, and _____ (put) on light clothes. Then, they _____ (walk) to the bus station. Their car _____ (break) down a week before, and the mechanic _____ (still work) on it, so they _____ (take) a bus. They just _____ (want) to have a family adventure!

The journey _____ (take) longer than expected - about 2 hours - and the road _____ (be) a bit bumpy. So the kids _____ (feel) rather sick when they _____ (get) off the bus. They _____ (rest) for a while and _____ (drink) some fresh water. When they _____ (get) better, they _____ (set) off on a small trail into the forest.

The kids _____ (be) delighted! They _____ (never be) on a hiking trip before. Mum and Dad _____ (want) to take them to the countryside for years, but they _____ (be) always quite busy with work. The night before, however, they _____ (think) they could take a couple of days off and enjoy some family time. Before leaving the house, they _____ (make) sure they _____ (switch) their mobile phones off so that nothing would spoil their fun.

They _____ (walk) for a couple of hours, enjoying the landscape and gentle breeze, when suddenly, a phone _____ (chime). Whose phone was it?



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First, they **packed** some food and a tent, and **put on** light clothes. Then, they **walked** to the bus station. Their car **had broken** down a week before, and the mechanic **was still working** on it, so they **took** a bus. They just **wanted** to have a family adventure!

The journey **took** longer than expected - about 2 hours - and the road **was** a bit bumpy. So the kids **were feeling** rather sick when they **got** off the bus. They **rested** for a while and **drank** some fresh water. When they **got** better, they **set** off on a small trail into the forest.

The kids **were** delighted! They **had never been** on a hiking trip before. Mum and Dad **had wanted** to take them to the countryside for years, but they **were** always quite busy with work. The night before, however, they **thought/had thought** they could take a couple of days off and enjoy some family time. Before leaving the house, they **made** sure they **had switched** their mobile phones off so that nothing would spoil their fun.

They **had been walking** for a couple of hours, enjoying the landscape and gentle breeze, when suddenly, a phone **chimed**. Whose phone was it?



