

Tense	Example from the Story	Use
Past Simple	he didn't think the storm would come so fast.	a completed action that tells you what happens at a specific time in the story
Past Continuous	Waves were crashing.	a background action in progress at the same time as the main events in the story happened
Past Perfect	He hadn't fixed the radio.	a completed action that takes place before the main events in the story
Past Perfect Continuous	He had been watching the dark clouds in the distance.	a continuous activity that happens before the main events in the story and explains why the main events happen