

## GRAMMAR

### Narrative tenses

#### 1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 She was walking through the woods
- 2 By the time we got to the stadium,
- 3 His hair was wet because
- 4 I took off my coat
- 5 The burglar got in easily because
- 6 We had been travelling for hours
- 7 As soon as she had spoken,
- 8 When we arrived at the party,
- a the match had already started.
- b when she heard a scream.
- c she regretted it.
- d we hadn't locked the back door.
- e everyone was dancing.
- f and sat down on the sofa.
- g before we decided to stop and rest.
- h he had been swimming in the river.

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| 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple, past perfect simple or past perfect continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 By the time our meal arrived we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for an hour and a half.
- 2 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not believe) me when I told them I \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) every one of my exams.
- 3 She \_\_\_\_\_ (put on) her raincoat, \_\_\_\_\_ (pick up) her umbrella, and \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the house.
- 4 They \_\_\_\_\_ (train) all morning in the gym, which is why they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) exhausted.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (only sit) down for a couple of minutes when my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me to help him fix his bike.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ (run) for an hour when the storm \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).
- 7 Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (already start) eating by the time we \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home.
- 8 Even though we \_\_\_\_\_ (never meet), I \_\_\_\_\_ (recognise) him from his Facebook page.
- 9 Luisa \_\_\_\_\_ (write) short stories since she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a child, and then her favourite magazine \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) to publish one of them.
- 10 Before I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the opportunity to book tickets for the concert, they \_\_\_\_\_ (all sell) out.

#### 3 Write one sentence from the notes, using the correct tenses.

- 0 when / we / arrive at cinema / 7.40 / film / start  
*When we arrived at the cinema at 7.40, the film had started.*
- 1 the teacher / talk / fire alarm / ring  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Karen / learn Spanish / two years / when / move to Argentina  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I leave home / run for the bus / and arrive at school / on time  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 we get home / Dad finish preparing dinner  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I received your letter this morning.  
b I had received your letter this morning.
- 2 a He saw a woman he never met before.  
b He saw a woman he had never met before.
- 3 a I enjoyed it a lot and would do it again.  
b I had enjoyed it a lot and would do it again.
- 4 a It was the first time I went to the cinema.  
b It was the first time I had been to the cinema.

## VOCABULARY

### Time phrases

#### 1 Make five time phrases then write them next to their definitions.

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1 for some  | no time     |
| 2 before    | long        |
| 3 the week  | on end      |
| 4 for weeks | before last |
| 5 in        | time        |

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|---------------------|-------|
| a quite soon        | _____ |
| b very quickly      | _____ |
| c two weeks ago     | _____ |
| d for several weeks | _____ |
| e for a long period | _____ |

#### 2 Choose the correct time phrases.

- 1 Tim had no trouble settling in to his new school – he got used to it *for some time / in no time*.
- 2 I went to bed at 11 o'clock and *before long / for days on end* was fast asleep.
- 3 She had wanted to meet her pen friend *for some time / in no time* and was pleased to get the chance.
- 4 They finished all their exams *the week before last / for weeks on end*.
- 5 We waited for the weather to improve *before long / for days on end* but it never did.