📝 Practice Worksheet: Unit 4 (Narrative Tenses)

Part 1: Past Simple and Past Continuous *Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Focus on interrupted actions, background scenes, and simultaneous actions.*

1. While I _____ (walk) home from school, I saw a beautiful rainbow.
2. She _____ (cook) dinner when the telephone suddenly rang.
3. We were watching a movie when the electricity _____ (go) out.
4. What _____ you _____(do) at 8 PM last night? I tried to call you!
5. I _____ (not / hear) the doorbell because I was listening to loud music.
6. While my brother was studying in his room, my sister _____ (play) video games in the lounge.
7. He _____ (drop) his new phone while he was taking a photo of the monument.
8. They _____ (wait) for the bus when it started to rain heavily.

Part 2: Past Perfect vs Past Simple *Complete the sentences using either the Past Simple or the Past Perfect. Think about which action happened first in the past.*

9. By the time we finally arrived at the cinema, the film _____ (already / start).

10. She _____ (not / see) the ocean before she went on holiday to Spain last summer.

11. I _____ (recognize) him immediately because we had met at a conference last year.

12. After the students _____ (finish) their exam, they went out to celebrate.

13. The teacher was quite annoyed because I _____ (forget) to bring my workbook.

14. When I got to the train station, I realized the train _____ (leave) five minutes earlier.

15. He couldn't buy a coffee because he _____ (lose) his wallet on the way to work.

Part 3: Mixed Narrative Tenses *Read the short story and complete the blanks (16-20) with the correct past tense:* ***Past Simple, Past Continuous, or Past Perfect****.*

Last weekend, I (16) _____ (decide) to go for a long hike in the mountains. The weather was perfect; the sun (17) _____ (shine) and the birds were singing. I was walking for about an hour when I suddenly realized I (18) _____ (take) the wrong path. I couldn't check my map to find my way back because I (19) _____ (leave) my phone at home. While I was trying to figure out what to do, I (20) _____ (hear) a very strange noise coming from the bushes!

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