

VERB TENSES REVIEW – PAST TENSES

Complete the text using the correct tenses (past simple, past continuous, past perfect, past perfect continuous, passive voice) of the verbs in parenthesis.

In the early 1990s, Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan **(compete)** _____ to become the best American figure skater. Neither skater was the clear favourite, but each **(be)** _____ as competitive as the other.

Harding's life **(be)** _____ difficult. She **(raise)** _____ in a much harder and less stable environment than Kerrigan. By the time she became famous, she **(deal)** _____ with personal and financial problems for many years. She was by far the tougher of the two, and the older she got, the tougher she **(become)** _____.

By contrast, Kerrigan came from a stable background and **(consider)** _____ elegant. She was more thoughtful and more family-oriented; consequently, she **(see)** _____ as much more popular than Harding. At the time, she **(build)** _____ a strong public image and gaining many supporters.

The day before the 1994 US Championships, Kerrigan **(attack)** _____ by a man while she **(prepare)** _____ for the competition. She was unable to compete, and Harding won the championship. However, people became increasingly suspicious of Harding over the years. Later, she **(strip)** _____ of the title, although she said she **(have)** _____ "no prior knowledge" of the attack.

