

KEY TO NARRATIVE TENSES

PAST SIMPLE / TO BE

1. a. was, b. were, c. was, d. were
2. a. were, b. were, c. weren't, d. were, e. was, f. was, g. was, h. was, i. were
3. a. were, b. was, c. was, were, d. was, e. was

Past simple – regular / irregular verbs

4.

walked	went	washed
bought	saw	needed
put	painted	thought
stayed	came	had
found	liked	ate
watched	left	played
did	wrote	took
made	drank	finished

5.

Sophie: did / have

Carol: did

sophie: did / do

carol: went

sophie: did / stay

carol: didn't / saw / didn't like

sohie: did / do

carol: watched / didn't leave

6.

Alex: did / do

Ben: studied

Alex: thought / saw

Ben: didn't go

Alex: went / bought / didn't stay / left / saw / kissed

Ben: explained / didn't understand

PAST SIMPLE – PAST CONTINUOUS

7.

a. was studying

b. wasn't playing

c. were telling

d. were / doing

e. were / studying

f. were / chatting

8.

was hanging / were having / saw / was sitting / decided / asked / said / were laughing

9.

- a. were / doing ... got
- b. were / doing arrived
- c. was / doing got
- d. were / doing ... walked
- e. were / studying ... finished

10.

- Alice: were / dancing
- Bob: wasn't dancing
- Alice : were / was watching
- Bob: weren't dancing / was teaching
- Alice: was asking

11.

was playing / happened / was singing / started / started / shouted / stopped / said / went

1.

PRESENT	PAST	PRESENT	PAST
HAVE			BEGAN
CUT			DID
	TOOK		LEFT
	STOLE	BECOME	
DRINK		HEAR	
PUT			WROTE
	MADE		SAID
	FOUND	GET	
	RAN	SEE	
	TOLD	HOLD	

2.

WALKED	STUDIED
STOPPED	LIVED
LIKED	ROBBED
WASHED	CHANGED
PLANNED	ENJOYED
CLOSED	SMOKED
CARRIED	COOKED
WANTED	LOVED

3.

- a. They didn't open...
- b. Peter didn't run...
- c. He didn't stop...
- d. the secretaries didn't study...

- e. I didn't leave...
- f. They didn't go...

4.

1. went 2. took 3. put up 4. collected 5. made 6. cooked 7. drank 8. played 9. sang 10. met 11. spoke 12. felt 13. went

PAST CONTINUOUS

1. FREE ANSWERS IN PAST CONTINUOUS

2.

2. looked 3. couldn't 4. were holding 5. weren't waiting 6. was 7. decided 8. went 9. looked 10. were waiting 11. decided 12. stopped 13. got off 14. was walking 15. stopped 16. got 17. was wearing 18. was carrying 19. was waiting 20. didn't see

3.

- a. told / were playing
- b. went / was raining
- c. arrived / was reading
- d. did / watch
- e. walked / were talking
- f. was swimming

4.

1. was shining 2. were singing 3. were waiting 4. opened 5. drove 6. turned 7. were singing 8. was passing 9. ran 10. pulled

1.

- 1. were / doing - phoned – was sitting
- 2. was watching - heard
- 3. left – was snowing
- 4. was using – went off
- 5. were clapping – was singing
- 6. were going - saw
- 7. was sitting – came
- 8. was looking – stole
- 9. didn't go out – were studying

2.

1. were / watching 2. announced 3. was sleeping 4. was listening 5. heard 6. screamed 7. woke 8. did / do 9. got up 10. was laughing 11. was crying 12. was waving 13. happened 14. started

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE – PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

PRACTICE:

- 3. had you sent...
- 4. after they had visited..
- 5. she had already heard...
- 6. we had finished...
- 7. she had won the lottery

- 8. our son hadn't come home yet
- 9. she had forgotten to call

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

- 2. had rescued – arrived
- 3. didn't know – had locked
- 4. had failed – passed
- 5. didn't you remember – had got married
- 6. had taken – felt
- 7. had snowed – decided
- 8. had recruited – began

2.

- a. had run b. had written c. had stolen d. hadn't she moved e. had inherited f. had played
- g. hadn't booked h. had sold i. Had saved j. had burned

3.

- a. had been waiting
- b. had been trying
- c. had the driver been drinking
- d. he had been shouting
- e. had been speaking
- f. he had been sleeping
- g. we hadn't been speaking
- h. had been looking
- I. had been studying
- j. had been standing

4.

- b. had been walking / realised
- c. had loved / got married
- d. had been driving / decided
- e. had been writing / decided
- f. had sung / didn't record
- g. had been walking / fainted
- h. had been travelled / became
- I. had been / went
- j. had been crying / took