

GRAMMAR

NARRATIVE TENSES (1)

Study the following sentences and decide which concept of the **Past Simple** and **Past Continuous** they correspond to.

i) James got off the aircraft and made his way to the terminal building. He went through passport control, looked for the baggage reclaim area and then collected his suitcases.

ii) The American tennis championship final was going to be played last Saturday evening. However, a problem with the stadium illumination system meant it had to be postponed.

iii) I went to a co-ed school between the ages of 11 and 18.

iv) At the same time as the twins were making a mess in the kitchen, Vicky was trying to fix the vase they had broken in the dining room.

NARRATIVE TENSES (2)

Look at the following text and then put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses. You may have to use the passive form in some cases, and add extra words in others – be careful!

Peter _____ (leave) his flat at dawn so he would arrive at the airport in plenty of time to catch the 6.30 a.m. flight to Vienna.

As he _____ (get) into his car he _____ (remember) that he _____ (leave) his portable computer – he never goes anywhere without it - on the kitchen table. He _____ (return) to the flat and _____ (get out) of the lift when he _____ (realise) that he _____ (forget) the keys to the door of his flat – no portable computer and no flight to Vienna!

NARRATIVE TENSES (3)

A). **Pronunciation:**

The teacher should read out **one sentence only** from each of the following pairs. The student has the sentences written out on a separate sheet and has to indicate the one he or she has heard.

- In her second year at college, she studied everything very carefully in order to gain excellent exam results.
- In her second year at college, she'd studied everything very carefully in order to gain excellent exam results.


- He'd visited every important city in Italy before he was eighteen.
- He visited every important city in Italy before he was eighteen.

B). **Grammar:**

The student should decide if one or both of the sentences in each of the following pairs is correct and explain why.

- June was hating her stepmother for many years.
- June hated her stepmother for many years.

- The car was about to crash into the sweetshop.
- The car was due to crash into the sweetshop.

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PERFECT ASPECT (1)

Look at the following situations and the concepts for the use of the perfect tenses written below. Match each situation with the correct concept.

Sentences.

- i)** Susan and Patricia have been going out with their boyfriends for nearly six months. However, they are quite bored now and are going to ‘change’ them as soon as possible!
- ii)** Tom will have been waiting for the managing director for three hours by the time he returns from lunch.
- iii)** Paul’s brother told me he had seen ‘Titanic’ three times.
- iv)** Victor was thought to have gone on a six-month holiday to Greece as nobody had seen him for a long time. Then, on my birthday, he came round to my house to congratulate me.
- v)** When Jane returned to the office after lunch, she wanted to know who had been using her computer because it was turned on.

Concepts.

- Describing a fact that is true up to now.
- Describing an action that took place at some point in time.
- Describing an event that happened before a certain time.
- Describing an event that will have happened before a certain time.
- Describing a fact that was true up to a certain point in the past.


PERFECT ASPECT (2)

Choose the correct sentence of each pair.

- David is seeing the same girlfriend for the past 15 years and his friends want to know when he's getting married.*
- David has been seeing the same girlfriend for the past 15 years and his friends want to know when he's getting married.

- The new adventure film on at the cinema was very exciting; I will have seen it three times when you go to see it.
- The new adventure film on at the cinema was very exciting, I have seen it three times when you go to see it.


- Do you think John has delivered the sales report to the director yet? Yes, he has worked all night and delivered it at 5.30 this morning!
- Do you think John has delivered the sales report to the director yet? Yes, he worked all night and delivered it at 5.30 this morning!

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REFLEXIVES (1)

*Fill the gaps with the appropriate reflexive **where necessary**.*

- i) They will have to do everything by _____ if they want to finish on time.
- ii) The two engineers had no option but to help _____ with the project for the new hospital, as they had to present it the following week and nobody else could give them a hand.
- iii) When the dog saw _____ in the mirror, it got a fright and ran outside to the kennel.
- iv) We can't contain _____ any longer; we have some fantastic news for you!
- v) One has to take care of _____ during old age, as things don't get any easier.
- vi) You should keep _____ fit and eat as much healthy food as possible if you want to avoid heart problems.
- vii) She was not very successful at concentrating _____ on what to wear for the company dinner.
- viii) Veronica hurt _____ and cut _____ her forehead when she fell off her horse.

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REFLEXIVES (2)

Look at the following sentences and decide if there are any mistakes in the use of reflexives and correct them. Be careful – there may be more than one mistake in some of the sentences.

- i) I thought about buying me a new coat but decided to forget itself as they were very expensive.

- ii) Jonathan and Steven gave themselves two weeks to complete the sales report for the Chairman.


- iii) The nurse had to help five patients by her because a lot of staff were off sick.

- iv) I think you yourself should reserve the holiday yourself.

- v) Julie and myself feel you should have a holiday.

- vi) We will have to make the cake ourselves if we want it to be ready in time for the party.

- vii) John failed the exam and his father was very disappointed in himself.

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REFLEXIVES (3): set phrases and idiomatic expressions.

Respond to the following situations with a set phrase / idiomatic expression containing a reflexive. Be careful, there may be more than one possibility for some of the situations!

i) “I’ve had a look at the repair work that needs doing in the bathroom and I don’t think we need to contract a plumber. I’ll do it myself”.

You respond: “Yes, good idea – you’ve always been good at _____”.

ii) “The meeting was very important and when the managing director asked me to calculate the new monthly sales profits, there were so many people talking at the same time that I couldn’t concentrate”.

You respond: “I suppose you _____”.

iii) *“The truth is that I don’t really want to go on holiday to Greece, I prefer Italy...but on the other hand maybe Spain would be nice. What do you think? - I just can’t decide...”*

You respond: “I’m fed up with you going on and on about your holiday with Peter, _____ where you go!!!”

iv) “If Paul doesn’t pass his final exams he won’t get a place at university and then a career as a doctor will be impossible. He’ll be unemployed and...”

You respond: “Come on, _____. Everything will turn out okay in the end”.