



Narrative tenses

WHAT'S
YOUR
STORY?

Narrative Tenses

B1 – B2

Module 7

Here's What
We Will Be
Learning in this
Presentation:



Summary

- ❑ Narrative Tenses.
- ❑ Exercises.

Remembering Narrative Tenses

- Narrative tenses are verb tenses used to talk about the past, especially while telling a story or describing past event.
- They are often found in stories and personal anecdotes.

Example:

'We **left** on a rainy day. I **went** home that evening in a very sombre mood. I **made** myself a cup of coffee.'

Exercise 1 - Ms. Powell's Story

Listen to the conversation the trainer reads and identify all the verbs in Past Tenses:

Yesterday evening, I was coming out of the coffee shop, when I happened to meet my friend's daughter. She said, "Oh! Hello Ms. Powell, how are you?" I said, "I'm doing well Alicia, thank you. Were you going home? I can drive you there, I was just walking to my car. It is around the corner." She looked relieved and said, "That is very kind of you. I was wondering how I was going to carry all these bags on the bus. You see, I went to the movies with friends, when we left the theatre, mother called and asked me to pick up groceries on my way home."

Exercise 2 - Larry's Late-Night Adventure

Here's a mystery story, but with some of the verbs blanked out. Try to put them in the correct tense:

Last night, I _____ (walk) home next to the river Thames, when something strange _____ (happen) to me. It was late at night and I _____ (have) a long and difficult day at work. There was a large full moon in the sky and everything was quiet. I was tired and lonely and I _____ (just have) a few pints of beer in my local pub, so I decided to stop by the riverside and look at the moon for a while.

I _____ (sit) on some steps very close to the water's edge and looked up at the big yellow moon and wondered if it really was made of cheese. I felt very tired so I _____ (close) my eyes and after a few minutes, I _____ (fall) asleep. **(continued...)**

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When I woke up, the moon _____ (move) behind a cloud and it _____ (be) very dark and cold. The wind _____ (blow) and an owl _____ (hoot) in a tree above me. I rubbed my eyes and started to get up, when suddenly I _____ (hear) a splash. I _____ (look) down at the water and saw something. Something terrible and frightening, and unlike anything I'd ever seen before. It _____ (take) me a few seconds to realise, I was looking at my own reflection!