

NARRATIVE TENSES

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TENSE	Form	Use	EXAMPLES
Past simple	verb + -ed (regular) / 2nd form (irregular)	Describes completed actions in the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">She went to the market and bought some fruit.
Past continuous	was/were + verb + -ing	Describes actions in progress at a specific time in the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">She was reading a book when I arrived.
Past perfect	had + past participle	Describes an action that happened before another action in the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They had already finished dinner before I arrived.
Past perfect continuous	had been + verb + -ing	Describes an action that was happening over time before another past action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They had been waiting for an hour before the bus arrived.