



Narrative Tenses (All Past Tenses) – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Conversation (Easier) – Fill in the Blanks with Correct Narrative Tense

Instructions: Complete the conversation using the correct **Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect, or Past Perfect Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

Jake: Hey Anna, why were you late to the party last night?

Anna: Oh, it was such a disaster! I _____ (**leave**) work late because my boss _____ (**ask**) me to finish something urgent.

Jake: Oh no! So, what happened next?

Anna: While I _____ (**walk**) to the bus stop, I _____ (**realize**) that I _____ (**forget**) my phone at the office.

Jake: That sounds terrible! Did you go back?

Anna: Yes! By the time I _____ (**get**) back to the office, the security guard _____ (**lock**) the main entrance!

Jake: Oh no! So, what did you do?

Anna: I _____ (**call**) my friend using a payphone, but while I _____ (**wait**) for her, it _____ (**start**) raining heavily!

Jake: Wow! That sounds like a really bad day!

Exercise 2: News Report (Easier) – Fill in the Blanks with Correct Narrative Tense

Instructions: Complete the news article using the correct **Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect, or Past Perfect Continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

Fire Breaks Out in Downtown Apartment

Yesterday evening, a fire _____ (**break out**) in a downtown apartment, causing panic among the residents. At the time of the incident, many people _____ (**relax**) at home when they _____ (**hear**) a loud explosion. By the time the firefighters _____ (**arrive**), smoke _____ (**fill**) the building.

Some residents _____ (**already/escape**) by the time the emergency crews _____ (**get**) there. One witness said she _____ (**watch**) TV when she _____ (**notice**) the smell of smoke. Firefighters reported that the fire _____ (**start**) in the kitchen of one apartment, where the owner _____ (**leave**) the stove on for too long.