



## Narrative Tenses (All Past Tenses) – Worksheet 2

### Exercise 1: Conversation (Harder) – 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.

**Emma:** Hey Tom, did you hear about what happened to Olivia last weekend?

**Tom:** No, what happened?

**Emma:** Well, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**plan**) to go to the airport early, but by the time she \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**) the house, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**realize**) she \_\_\_\_\_ (**forget**) her passport!

**Tom:** Oh no! So, did she go back to get it?

**Emma:** Yes, but while she \_\_\_\_\_ (**search**) for it at home, her taxi driver \_\_\_\_\_ (**wait**) outside, and she \_\_\_\_\_ (**not notice**).

**Tom:** That sounds stressful! Did she make it in time?

**Emma:** Just barely! By the time she \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) at the airport, they \_\_\_\_\_ (**already/close**) the boarding gate!

**Tom:** Wow! That's terrible!

**Emma:** Yeah, and to make things worse, she \_\_\_\_\_ (**not sleep**) well the night before because she \_\_\_\_\_ (**pack**) all night.

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### Exercise 2: News Report (More Challenging) – Fill in the Blanks with Correct Narrative Tense - Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect, or Past Perfect Continuous.

#### Massive Traffic Jam on the Highway

Commuters \_\_\_\_\_ (**experience**) major delays yesterday morning after an accident \_\_\_\_\_ (**cause**) a massive traffic jam on the city's main highway. The crash \_\_\_\_\_ (**happen**) around 7 AM while many drivers \_\_\_\_\_ (**head**) to work.

By the time the police \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) at the scene, several vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ (**already/block**) the road. Witnesses reported that the driver \_\_\_\_\_ (**lose**) control of his car because he \_\_\_\_\_ (**not pay**) attention to the road.

Some drivers \_\_\_\_\_ (**sit**) in their cars for over an hour before authorities \_\_\_\_\_ (**clear**) the scene. One commuter said she \_\_\_\_\_ (**try**) to call her office, but her phone battery \_\_\_\_\_ (**die**) while she \_\_\_\_\_ (**wait**). The situation finally improved after emergency teams \_\_\_\_\_ (**remove**) the damaged vehicles from the road.