

## Narrative Tenses أزمنة الرواية (الماضي)

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#### Past Perfect

Form (had + Verb3)

Two actions with interruption between them حدثين ماضي مع فصل زمني بينهما

حدثين اكتملا في الماضي وبينهما فاصل

الحدث الأول زمنيا ماضي تام had + verb 3

و يليه ماضي بسيط verb 2

الدلائل after, before, when, because, as, by 2015, by the time

By the time he died, he had written a lot of letters.

He missed the event because he had been in hospital.

By the age of 15, he had completed his system.

After they had filled the forms, they went to their rooms.

examples:

#### Past Perfect Continuous

Form (had been + ing)

Emphasizes the duration or ongoing nature of an action before another past action

التركيز هنا على الفترة الزمنية التي تم فيها الحدث قبل حدوث الحدث الثاني

had been + ing الحدثين هما

verb 2 والثاني

He had an accident with the pairs of scissors that he had been playing with.

She was tired because she had been flying for hours.

He had been studying bird migration for years.

الدلائل نفس دلائل الماضي التام

لكن يجب معرفة فيما إذا كان هناك فاصل بين الحدثين أم أنهما التقيا معا

because, as, when, ..... , since , for ....

خطأ She had been visiting him three times

صحيح She had been visiting him regularly

لا يستخدم مع الحدث المتكرر مثل

8 Study Watch Out! Then complete the text with the correct past tense forms of the verbs in brackets. (SB 43)

### Archaeologists Discover Ancient Wall

Before the Eastern Badia Archaeological Project (EBAP) visited the Black Desert of Jordan, nobody 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (explore) the archaeology of this large area. When the archaeologists started work, stones from ancient houses 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) under the ground for more than 8,000 years. The people who built these houses also 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (build) amazing long walls called 'kites' to catch animals with. The walls were many kilometres long and they met at a point. Animals that 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (run) away from the people could not escape from this point in the walls. Archaeologists think that the walls at Jibal al-Khashabiyeh might be the oldest in the world: nobody 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (made) anything like this before. The kites show that the people who lived in the Black Desert 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (work) together in large teams to find food much earlier than they expected.

**Answers** → 1 had explored 2 had been lying 3 had built 4 were running 5 had made 6 had worked



### 3 Use the prompts to write sentences in the Past Perfect Continuous. (SB 34)

1. **Reem got into trouble at school for using her phone.**

She / text / during lessons

She'd been texting during lessons.

2. **Nader had ink all round his mouth.**

He/chew/his pen / during the exam

3. **The central square was underwater.**

It/rain/for five days.

4. **The gang was convicted of fraud.**

They/print/fake money

5. **The man was ill while giving a speech.**

He / speak / at a business meeting.

### 4 Complete the text with the forms from the box. (SB 34)

(had been / had he forgotten / had fallen / had he been revising / had been studying / had been worrying / had never failed)

Ali was very tired because he 1 \_\_\_\_\_ for his English exam all night. It 2 \_\_\_\_\_ dark for ten hours and now it was getting light. He took the bus to school. For many weeks, he 3 \_\_\_\_\_ about this exam. He 4 \_\_\_\_\_ an English exam before, but this one was special: if he passed it, he could go to a good college. He opened the paper and looked at the questions. He was shocked. He could not understand any of it! 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong things? Or 6 \_\_\_\_\_ everything he looked at the night before? Then he felt something touch his shoulder. He jumped and suddenly he was back in his chair. His mother was shaking his shoulder. He 7 \_\_\_\_\_ asleep at his desk!

**Answers** → 1 had been studying 2 had been 3 had been worrying 4 had never failed 5 Had he been revising 6 had he forgotten 7 had fallen

### 5 Complete the sentences with the correct Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in bold. (SB 34)

1. **PLAY**

a. Hanan's music player **had been playing** for 19 hours when the battery ran out.

b. Hanan's music player \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 200 songs when the battery ran out.

2. **ELIMINATE**

a. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ all the other suspects *when he arrested the criminal*.

b. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ suspects at an impressive rate.

### Are the following sentences correct in terms of the past tense. Correct the wrong ones (SB 35)

1. Until that night, Raed had never seen snow.

2. By the time we opened the door, the noises already stopped.

3. The other day, I was talking to a man who said he had seen a famous footballer in our street.

4. Suddenly, I was hearing a noise, so I was going upstairs and opening the door to the attic.

5. The hikers had been walking in the mountains for six hours when they saw something strange.

6. While he was performing, the actor had forgotten what to say.

7. While I rowed a boat across the sea, a large dolphin suddenly appeared in the water next to me!

### Answers

1. **correct**
2. **Incorrect.** By the time we opened the door, the noises had already stopped.
3. **correct**
4. **Incorrect.** Suddenly, I heard a noise, so I went upstairs and opened the door to the attic.
5. **Correct**
6. **Incorrect.** While he was performing, the actor forgot what to say.
7. **Incorrect.** While I was rowing a boat across the sea, a large dolphin suddenly appeared in the water next to me!

### 7 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. When Nasser arrived at the party, the other boys ***had already eaten*** (already/eat) the food.
2. There was a strong smell because someone \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) fish.
3. Loud music \_\_\_\_\_ (play) and the guests were dancing or chatting to each other.
4. Rakan \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) all week for the chance to play football with his friends.
5. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (dance), there was a power cut and the music stopped.
6. They lit some candles and then everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in a circle and told stories.

**Answers** 1. **had already eaten** 2. **had been cooking** 3. **was playing** 4. **had been waiting**  
5. **were dancing** 6. **sat**

### 8 Complete the story with the correct forms of the verbs from the box. (SB 35)

(come / disappear / do / find / leave / organise / switch / take / wait / work)

#### The mystery of Abbas Akel

I was reading a newspaper the other day when I 1 came across a fascinating story. It was about a cleaner who 2 \_\_\_\_\_ in mysterious circumstances. Abbas Akel 3 \_\_\_\_\_ at the East Hotel for exactly 25 years on the day he vanished. He was a popular with everyone and he always 4 \_\_\_\_\_ his job well. The staff 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a surprise party to celebrate Abbas's work anniversary. Everyone 6 \_\_\_\_\_ for him in the dining room when the hotel manager stood up, 7 \_\_\_\_\_ on the microphone and announced that Abbas couldn't be found anywhere. While everyone 8 \_\_\_\_\_ the dining room, the rumours began. Some said he 9 \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money in a hotel room and gone to the Caribbean. Someone said he 10 \_\_\_\_\_ a job at a bigger hotel. Abbas was never seen again.

**Answers** → 1 **came** 2 **disappeared** 3 **had been working** 4 **did** 5 **had organized** 6 **was waiting**  
7 **switched** 8 **was searching** 9 **had found** 10 **had taken**

### 9 Use the prompts to write questions about the story in Exercise 8. Use the Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.

1. How long/Abbas/work/at the hotel/ when/ disappear?  
**How long had Abbas been working at the hotel when he disappeared?**
2. How/ the staff/plan/to celebrate?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What/happen / Abbas?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. go/ the Caribbean?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. get job/a bigger hotel?  
\_\_\_\_\_



Answers

1. How long had Abbas been working at the hotel when he disappeared?
2. How had the staff planned to celebrate?
3. What had happened to Abbas?
4. Had he gone to the Caribbean?
5. Had he gotten a job at a bigger hotel?