

# NARRATIVE TENSES AND LISTENING PRACTICE

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LISTEN CAREFULLY

# QUESTIONS

Please listen and **do not write the answers while the text is being read.** Please tell me the answers **AFTER I have read the text.**

Question 1.

I couldn't clearly see what was in the bags when I first saw them.

**True** or False?

Question 2.

I felt scared to get the dropped bag, so I didn't pick it up straight away.

True or **False**?

Question 3.

The bag contained money.

True or **False**?

Question 4.

The police returned my stolen possessions.

**True** or False?

Question 5.

The burglar was my neighbour.

**True** or False?

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## PAST CONTINUOUS

- Actions in progress at a specific point in time.  
"he **was holding** two bags"
- Used to set the scene at the beginning of a story.  
"I **was walking** home from work"

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## PAST SIMPLE

- A past completed action.

"I **saw** a man"

- Events of a story in chronological order.

"The man then **hopped over** my neighbour's fence and accidentally **dropped** one of the bags"

# PAST SIMPLE

- Past habits or states.  
“The man **had** long dark hair and a beard.”
- Situations that started and finished in the past.  
“I **lived** in London for 4 years”

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## PAST PERFECT

- An action that happened earlier in the past than another action.  
"they asked me what **had happened**"

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

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