

Inspiration

GRAMMAR

Narrative tenses with the Past Perfect Continuous → (see page 110)

Match the captions (1–4) with the correct pictures (a–d).









- When I got there, they were playing.
 When I got there, they had played four games.
- **3** When I got there, they had been playing for 20
- When I got there, they had been playing for minutes.
 When I got there, they played
- **4** When I got there, they played.

2 Choose the correct answers.

When we looked at the map, we realised we <u>had gone</u> / went / were going the wrong way about half an hour earlier and we would have to go back.

- 1 We were late for the meeting because we *hadn't set* off / didn't set off / hadn't been setting off early enough.
- 2 I watched him for a few minutes and, when he had finished, I asked him what he *had been doing / was doing / did.*
- **3** When we got to the party, the food *had all gone / was all going / all went* and there was nothing for us to eat.
- **4** We asked where Henry was but no-one *had seen / saw / was seeing* him.
- **5** I had been thinking about travelling to Africa for ages before I finally *decided / had decided / was deciding* to buy a plane ticket and go there.
- 6 They had been playing for ten minutes when the Italians s*cored / had scored / were scoring* a goal.
- **7** I *was lying / had been lying / lay* on the beach when I suddenly remembered that I hadn't locked the front door.
- **8** I met Jane last week. She had blond hair which was a surprise because she *had had / had / had been having* red hair when I met her for the first time.

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

- **a** When my friends arrived, I <u>had been cooking</u> (cook) for three hours.
- **b** When my friends arrived, I <u>had cooked</u> (cook) dinner and washed up.
- **1 a** We were tired because our neighbours _____(dance) all night.
 - **b** We were tired because our neighbours _____(wake) us up three times in the night.
- **2 a** I was ready for the exam because I _____ (read) all the books.
 - **b** I was ready for the exam because I ______ (revise) for three weeks.
- **3 a** We _____ (not/drive) very far when the accident happened.
 - **b** We _____ (not/drive) very long when the accident happened.
- 4 a I fell asleep at my desk because
 - I _____ (write) for hours and I was exhausted. **b** I fell asleep at my desk because
 - I _____ (write) 25 pages of my project and I was exhausted.

4 Find the error in each sentence and re-write.

I was having an idea while I was sitting in the bath. had an idea while I was sitting in the bath.

- 1 When I had finished my homework, I had switched on the TV.
- **2** When we saw the post office, we had known we were in the right place.
- **3** After he wrote two pages, he had needed a rest.
- **4** She hadn't been knowing the word so she looked it up in a dictionary.
- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.



In 1916, the Stanford-Binet measure of intelligence became (become) the standard IQ test used in the USA. Alfred Binet, a French psychologist, ¹ (come up) with his own test 12 years earlier in France. He² (create) the original test to identify students needing extra educational help but the Stanford-Binet test 3 (be) used to test all students. By the 1920s, so many students _____ (do) tests each year that testing

⁵_____ (become) a multi-million dollar industry.

After he ⁶______ (study) IQ tests for many years, the mathematician Banesh Hoffman started to question whether they measured anything except an ability to do IQ tests. However, by the time his book, *The Tyranny of Testing*, was published in 1962, millions of children ⁷______ (take) the test and ⁸______ (live) with the effects for up to 40 years.

Studies which were done in the 1960s and 1970s showed IQ tests to be unreliable and of limited value in assessing intelligence. GENERAL INTERES

6 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs from the box.

be become capture fly lose nearly die try (x2) wake

GREAT BRITONS



Douglas Bader

One of the most amazing stories of the Second World War was that of a British pilot named Douglas Bader, who <u>lost</u> both his legs in a flying accident in 1931.

At that time, he <u>1</u> for three years and

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a little bit too confident in his abilities. When he ³______ up in hospital after the accident, Bader found out



that he ⁴ ____ and had lost both of his legs. He slowly learned to walk on artificial legs but it was still a terrible shock for someone who ⁵___ great sportsman before the accident. When the war started, the RAF (Royal Air Force) needed every pilot it could find. So, Bader learned how to fly again with his artificial legs and was soon flying over Europe. When his plane was shot down, Bader had to take off his legs in order to escape. When they ⁶ him, the Germans allowed a plane to fly from England with a new pair of legs. They might have regretted this as, by the end of the war, Bader ⁷_____ to escape so many times that the Germans threatened to take his legs away again. One reason for his success as a pilot may actually have been his legs. Scientists, who ⁸_____ to discover why some pilots were losing consciousness, found out that it was because the blood left their brains and flowed to their legs when they turned quickly. As Bader's blood couldn't flow so far, he was less affected by this problem.