

# Unit 8: Communication

## Narrative tenses

Narrative tenses are verb tenses that we use to tell stories and describe past events.

We use **past simple** to describe actions that happened at a specific time in the past and also for completed events in the past. We use the **Past Perfect** to talk about events that happened earlier than other events in the past. The **Past Continuous** is used to describe ongoing (unfinished) events or repeated actions that were happening over a period of time in the past.

### Forms of Narrative tenses:

**Past simple:** Affirmative= Subject + V2      Negative= Subject + didn't V1

Ahmad wrote an article = My friends didn't catch the bus



**Past continuous:** Affirmative= Subject + was/were Ving      Negative= Subject + was/were not Ving

He was riding a horse = They weren't studying



**Past perfect:** Affirmative= Subject + had V3      Negative= Subject + hadn't V3

Suha had made a delicious cake = I hadn't painted my room



**Exercise 2:**

**Correct the form of the verb between brackets.**

- 1- Salwa went to bed after she ..... (finish) typing the report.
  
- 2- I ..... (chat) with my friend when the match started.
  
- 3- By the time we reached the station, the train ..... already ..... (leave).

**Exercise 3:**

- Imagine a short story or try to remember one, and then draw pictures of its events in the empty story board template.
  
- Write sentences to describe what happened under each picture, then write a short story using your pictures and narrative tenses.