

Narrative tenses

1 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. You should use between three and five words, including the word given.

- Kate said she would look after my dog, but I told her that Moira was going to do it. **AGREED**
When Kate said she would look after my dog, I told her Moira it.
- As Frank has been held up, he can't see Paul off at the airport as originally planned. **INTENDING**
Frank see Paul off at the airport, but he can't as he's been held up.
- The biography was so enjoyable that Nora couldn't put it down. **WAS**
Nora so much that she couldn't put it down.
- What were your friends doing at the time of your interview? **INTERVIEWED**
While you, what were your friends doing?
- After months of excavations, the archaeologists uncovered the priceless artefacts. **EXCAVATING**
The archaeologists months before they uncovered the priceless artefacts.
- We sat there for a few minutes and then they arrived. **BEEN**
We there for very long before they arrived.
- After trying on five pairs of trousers, Sara found a pair that she liked. **HAD**
Sara five pairs of trousers before she found a pair that she liked.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

- The students' union called for a change in the timetable a number of times, but by the time the courses started the university still (contact) them to talk about it.
- When my mum picked me up from Nadia's house, we hadn't even started our homework project. We (make) five cakes instead!
- Jordi (persist) with the book on medieval history despite it being highly recommended by his teacher.

- The men look really exhausted in these old photos. (work) on the railroads?
- My mum couldn't concentrate because, while I (tell) her what had happened, my little sister wouldn't stop crying.
- It was a cold wintery morning. The sky was dark and grey and it (rain) as I left the house to join the rest of my football team.
- When Grace arrived home, she was surprised to see how untidy the house was. She had expected her sister to tidy up, but (watch) TV all morning instead.

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Inversion with negative adverbial phrases

3 Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Do not change the meaning.

- As soon as we sat down to eat, the lights went out.
No sooner
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- Ivan started a campaign to save the woods as well as raising a lot of money through sponsored events.
Not only
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- You shouldn't take your mobile phones into the exam hall under any circumstances.
Under no circumstances
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- I had never been faced with such a dilemma.
Never
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- Jim's behaviour rarely meets the expectations of his peer group.
Rarely
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- Rita didn't realise how much work the creative writing course entailed until after she had started it.
Only after
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- Harold hardly ever had a face-to-face meeting with his mentor.
Hardly ever
.....

4 Choose the best answer (a, b or c).

- 1 Never before so much money in donations.
 a did we raised b have we raised c we have raised
- 2 Rarely such hands-on experience.
 a will you get b you will get c have you get
- 3 had he started typing than the PC crashed.
 a Hardly b Rarely c No sooner
- 4 does Natalia suffer from stress but fatigue, too.
 a No sooner b Hardly ever c Not only
- 5 should we contest the judge's decision.
 a On any account b On some account c On no account
- 6 Never before such a heartwarming experience.
 a had we b had we had c we had
- 7 No sooner had we started digging the field it started to rain.
 a when b but c than

/ 14 points

Unit review

5 Find and correct 12 mistakes in the text.

The Day I Met Martina

My friendship with Martina was coming about after the strangest of encounters. No sooner I had sat down in the café when a young girl asked if she could join me. When I said it was being fine, she sat down next to me and introduced herself as Martina. We had been soon chatting away and enjoying each other's company. After we been talking for a while, I had to go to the bathroom, but only after getting back I realised Martina had gone. I was surprised and a little disappointed to say the least, but this turned to anger when I realised she had made off with my phone. And this wasn't just any phone – it was the new smartphone that my parents were recently gave me for my birthday. Never I received such an amazing present. I couldn't believe that I had been so naive as to leave it on the table. I angrily told the waiter what had happened and that I was going to call the police. But just as I had been leaving the café, Martina came running back up the road. When I started to shout at her, she stopped me and said, 'I'm so sorry ... I suddenly realised I was very late for an appointment, so I had to leave quickly. I picked up your phone because I thought it was mine. We had got the same phone!' She gave my phone back to me and then showed me her own. Not only it was the same model, but it had the same purple case. Ever since that day, we're been the best of friends.

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Total: / 40 points