

Storytelling with Past Tenses

Instructions: Watch the video about telling stories. Then, fill in the blanks in each exercise below using the words from the word bank.



Exercise 1: Understanding the Basics

Fill in the blanks to complete the summary of the video's main idea.

past simple	interesting	stories	tenses
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This video teaches you how to tell better _____ in English. It explains how to use two types of past _____: the _____ and the past continuous. Using these two tenses together makes your stories more _____ and easier to understand.

Exercise 2: Setting the Scene

Fill in the blanks to learn about using the **past continuous** tense.

happening	past continuous	scene	imagine
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First, a video explains how to set the _____ of your story. You can do this by using the _____ tense. This tense helps you describe what was _____ at a certain time in the past. For example, you can say, "He was living in London" or "He was making a lot of money." This helps your listener _____ the situation before the main event happens.

Exercise 3: The Main Event

Fill in the blanks to learn about using the **past simple** tense.

actions	finished	event	past simple
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Next, the video shows you how to talk about the main _____ of your story. You can do this by using the _____ tense. This tense is for _____ that happened at a specific time in the past and are now _____. For example, you can say, "He made a decision" or "He decided to leave London." When you use the past simple after the past continuous, it shows a change in the story and makes it more exciting.

Exercise 4: Short Answer Questions

Instructions: Read the beginning of each story. Then, finish the sentence by adding a main event. Use the **past simple** tense to describe what happened.

- Example:** The sun was shining and the birds were singing when suddenly, *a large, gray cloud covered the sky.*
- I was walking home from school yesterday when I _____.
- My family was eating dinner last night when the phone _____.
- I was sitting alone in the dark when _____.