



ENGLISH

Chapter 15 Session A

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SECONDARY

Narrative tenses:
Simple past
Past continuous
Past perfect



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Past events

Get talking!

1 Discuss the pictures with a partner.

Where are the people? What's happening?

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Do you think your neighborhood is a safe place? Why / Why not?



1**63 Listen and read.**

Sally: You'll never guess what happened downtown just now!

Ryan: What?

Sally: I was driving along Main Street on my way home, and a man ran out in front of me ... with a gun!

Ryan: No way! You're joking, right?

Sally: No, I'm not. I'd just done some shopping at the mall and I was coming home. He ran straight past the car.

Ryan: Wow! He had a gun? Are you all right? You look pretty stressed out.

Sally: I'm OK now. I don't know what it was all about, though. I think maybe he had robbed the bank on the corner because the alarm was going off and a lot of people were running out.

Ryan: So, what happened to the guy? Did the police catch him?

Sally: I don't know. Two police officers were running after him, but when they got to my car he'd already disappeared.

Ryan: That's amazing. An armed robber – in our small town. It's really scary, actually.

Sally: You're telling me!



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Language box



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She'd **been** to the mall.

She **was leaving** when
she **saw** a man with a gun.

He **was holding** a gun.

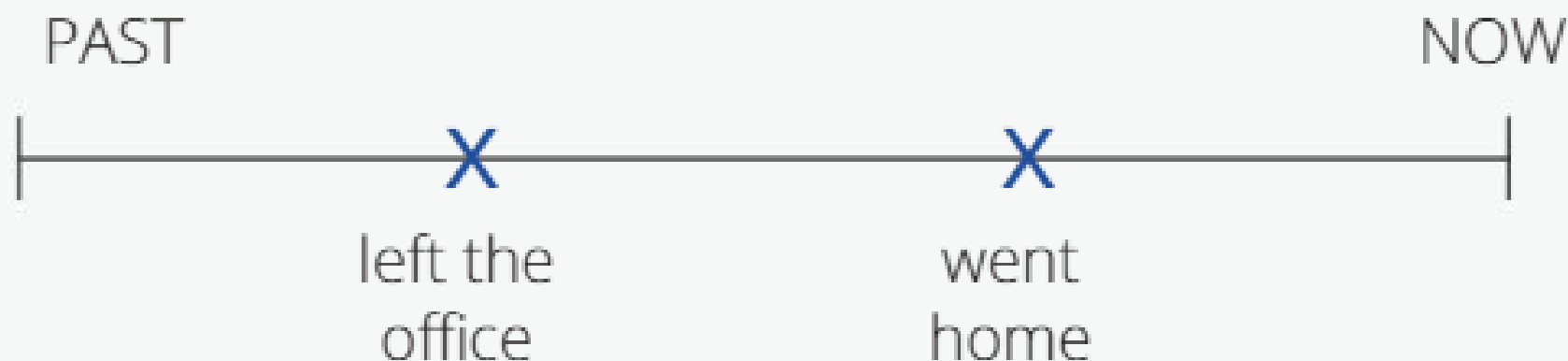
The police **looked** for him,
but he **had disappeared**.



Grammar reference » p.109

Narrative tenses

We use the **simple past** to talk about actions and events that took place at a specific time in the past:
Hiro **left** the office and **went** home.



We use the **past continuous** to:

- talk about longer actions and events in the past:

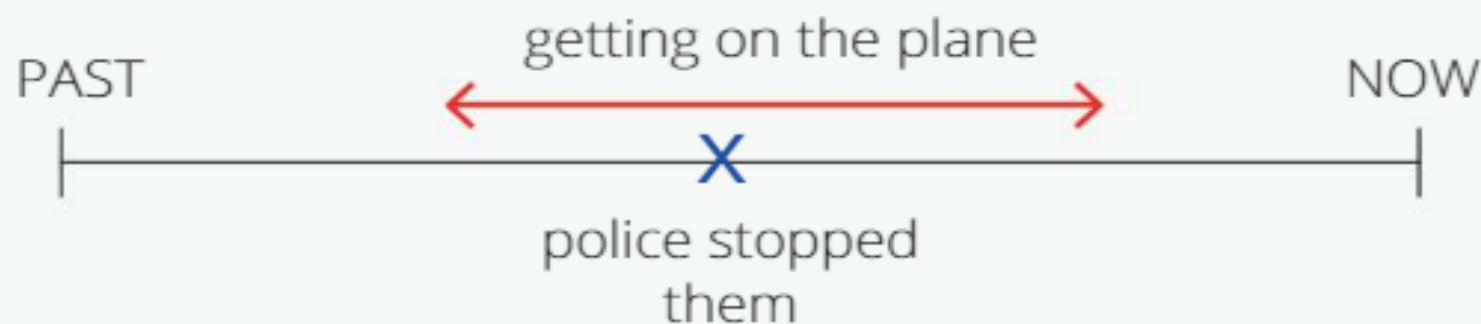
I **was working** at home last Friday afternoon.

- set the scene for a story:

It **was raining** and we **were feeling** tired.

- talk about an action that was happening when something else happened:

They **were getting** on a plane when the police stopped them.



We use the **past perfect** to talk about an action or event in the past that happened before something else:

The train **had left** before I arrived at the station.



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Circle the correct answers to complete the conversation.

A: I ¹ *saw / was seeing* you last night leaving Jack's house. What ² *were you doing / had you done* there?

B: I ³ *had played / was playing* a new computer game that Jack ⁴ *bought / had bought*.

A: It ⁵ *was / had been* very late – around 11 o'clock.

B: Yeah. I guess we ⁶ *had just finished / were finishing*.

A: ⁷ *Did you have / Were you having* a good time?

B: Sure, but I ⁸ *started / was starting* to get a headache, and the teacher ⁹ *had been / was* angry this morning because I ¹⁰ *hadn't done / didn't do* my homework.

2 Complete the story using the verbs in parentheses in the simple past, past continuous, or past perfect tenses.

When I ¹ _____ (get) home last night, I ² _____ (discover) that someone ³ _____ (break) into my house while I ⁴ _____ (shop) downtown. The kitchen window ⁵ _____ (be) open and as soon as I ⁶ _____ (go) into the family room, I ⁷ _____ (see) that someone ⁸ _____ (take) my TV and some DVDs. I immediately ⁹ _____ (call) the police and ¹⁰ _____ (tell) them what ¹¹ _____ (happen). I then ¹² _____ (look) in my bedroom, but

luckily the thief ¹³ _____ (not / find) my expensive watch or jewelry. While I ¹⁴ _____ (come) out of my bedroom, I suddenly ¹⁵ _____ (hear) a noise in the kitchen. I ¹⁶ _____ (run) downstairs and into the kitchen just as a man ¹⁷ _____ (climb) out of the window. Naturally, I ¹⁸ _____ (shout) "Hey. Who are you?" But he ¹⁹ _____ (not / stop). He ²⁰ _____ (jump) to the ground and ²¹ _____ (drive) away in a black car.



Challenge!

Work with a partner. Continue the story.

Vocabulary

1 Circle the correct adverbs to complete the story.

I'm a very careful person, so when I left home this morning I ¹ *naturally* / *finally* thought that I had locked all the windows and doors. However, when I arrived at work a message was waiting for me, and I ² *gradually* / *suddenly* discovered that I had left the front door open! ³ *Luckily* / *Occasionally* my neighbor had noticed, and she had ⁴ *immediately* / *unbelievably*

called the police. I jumped back in my car to drive home, but ⁵ *unfortunately / accidentally* it wouldn't start, so I had to walk to the bus stop. I waited for a long time, but ⁶ *hopefully / eventually* a bus arrived. When I ⁷ *suddenly / finally* got back home, I thanked my neighbor and locked the front door. ⁸ *Hopefully / Luckily* I'll never make the same mistake again!

- 2** Make two lists headed *Adverbs of time* and *Adverbs of attitude*. Write each adverb from exercise 1 in the correct list.

Real life exchange

- 1** Before you listen, complete the conversation using each verb in the correct form of the past tense.
Work with a partner.

buy disappear go look see study

A: I can't find my cell phone. I think someone took it while I ¹ _____ in the library.

B: Oh no. That's terrible. Are you sure?

A: Yeah. I ² _____ for a book, but when I ³ _____ back to my desk, my cell phone ⁴ _____

B: That's too bad. Nobody ⁵ _____ anything, did they?

A: No, but I'm angry because I only ⁶ _____ it last month.



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65 Listen and check. Then practice the conversation with your partner.

Strategy: Responding with *That's ...*

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Complete each conversation with an exclamation.

That's cheap That's crazy That's fantastic That's slow That's strange

- 1 "Guess what? I've finally passed my driving test!"
"_____ ! Congratulations."
- 2 "John's left his briefcase here."
"_____ . He usually takes it home with him."
- 3 "I bought this cell phone for \$60, you know."
"_____ ! Mine's the same and it cost nearly \$90."

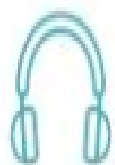
4 "Unfortunately, they said I wasn't a good candidate for the job."

"_____! You have all the qualifications and experience they need."

5 "This computer takes nearly a minute to download one song."

"_____. Maybe you should check your internet connection."

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