

Tough Verb Tenses

Simple Past

I walked to work yesterday

I found this in my car.

I waited all morning for the call.

We ran in the rain and didn't care.

Past Progressive

I was eating lunch when I got a phone call that something had happened in my hometown.

We were waiting for a call, but it never came.

He was playing football and she was watching.

You were saying something, but I interrupted you. Can you say it again?

Present Perfect

I have visited Canada 3 times.

I have seen you before.

I have eaten already.

He has been playing football for 3 years.

I've been working overtime a lot recently.

Past Perfect

Progressive

I had been going to the gym every day until I got my new job.

I had been working in that company for many years before I was laid off.

How long had you been waiting before I arrived?

We had been good friends for many years in middle school until we started at different high schools and we lost touch.

Simple

I had seen the movie once already, but I really liked it so, I went again.

I had asked him to wait for me outside, but when I came outside, he was gone.

I thought I had found something really valuable, but actually, it wasn't.

Assignment:

Make at least two sentences with each tense. The more the better. Don't worry too much about remembering the names, just make sure you feel really comfortable using each. If you do, you'll be able to express things through time easily.