

Diving into the past

An exploration of the narrative tenses

They had been playing the piano before dinner was served

They were playing the piano when dinner was served

I served dinner after the bell had rung

I served dinner when the bell was ringing

Dinner was served

I served dinner

While the bridge _____ (repair), people _____ (take)
the ferry across the river

How long _____ (you/walk) when you _____(stop) for a rest?

While Liam and his friends _____ (watch) a football match, they _____ (order) a pizza. By the time it (deliver) the match _____(finish)

Police _____ (enter) the house and _____ (arrest) the burglars. A complaint about strange noises _____ (received) earlier that evening

Visitors to the gallery _____ (not have) a chance to
admire the famous painting because it _____ (steal) the
previous week.

Ava injured her knee during a tennis lesson

The road wasn't always so busy

Our journey lasted 10 hours, so we were tired when we reached the hotel

Prathamesh had to get the address before he could deliver the parcel

I spent a lot of time trying to find that book

Gary rarely arrived at work on time those days

At 10 AM, the guide was taking the tourists around the castle

It was the first time a woman had ever climbed the mountain