

1 Narrative tenses

Underline the most appropriate verb form for each sentence.

EXAMPLE

While I was working / worked my house was burgled.

- 1 Yesterday I walked / was walking into town and bought a book at the market.
- 2 When Paola arrived at the party she realized that she had been making / had made a terrible mistake.
- 3 While we had / were having dinner the telephone rang.
- 4 The sales manager was angry and was telling / told his staff to arrive at work on time.
- 5 Jane wasn't having / hadn't had enough time to cook, so she bought a take-away meal instead.
- 6 I was exhausted yesterday evening because I was working / had been working all day in the garden.
- 7 When I arrived at the party, everyone was dancing / had been dancing and having a great time.
- 8 It had been raining / was raining all morning so we couldn't have a picnic in the afternoon.
- 9 While Simon was living / lived in New York he went to see all the latest films.
- 10 Jo found the music exam easy because she practised / had practised the piece the night before.

2 should/shouldn't have + (past participle)

Complete with *should/shouldn't have* and a verb.

choose	have	learn	move	put out
set off	talk	use	water	wear
work				

EXAMPLE

I'm very hungry. I *should have had* breakfast.

- 1 It's raining. You the table and chairs in the garden.
- 2 My plants have died. I them.
- 3 Peter's late for the appointment. He earlier this morning.
- 4 The printer's broken. You that cheap paper.
- 5 I can't play the piano. I when I was a child.
- 6 Our children's school is a long way from our house. We to a nearer one.

- 7 My eyes are tired. I on the computer for so long.
- 8 I cut my finger on the broken glass. I gloves.
- 9 This month's phone bill was enormous. You on the phone for so long to your boyfriend last week.
- 10 The theatre was full of noisy school children. We tickets for the afternoon.

3 Deduction about the past

Write sentences using *must have*, *might have*, or *can't have*.

EXAMPLE

I can't see the car here. (park it in this street)
I can't have parked it in this street.

- 1 Their plates are clean! (enjoy the meal)
 They
- 2 Jackie didn't answer the email. (turn her computer off)
 She or maybe she's just been too busy.
- 3 Where's my voting card? It's not where I left it. (move it)
 You
- 4 The kitchen floor still looks so dirty. (clean it)
 You
- 5 The chicken for tonight's dinner has disappeared! (eat it)
 The dog
 There's no other explanation.