

NARRATIVE TENSES

Exercise 1

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. The tenses used are **Present simple, Present continuous, Past simple, Past continuous, Present perfect, Past Perfect and future with will**. There are also examples of the **infinitive**.

Mrs Hay (1)_____ (drive) along a country road when she (2)_____ (see) a man at the side of the road. He (3)_____ (wave) and pointing at his car. Mrs Hay (4)_____ (stop) and (5)_____ (ask) the man if he (6)_____ (be) all right.

‘My car (7)_____ (break down),’ said the man.

‘Where do you want (8)_____ (go)?’ asked Mrs Hay.

‘London’, replied the man.

‘Well, I (9)_____ (not go) to London, but I (10)_____ (give) you a lift to the station, if you like.’

On the way to the station they chatted.

‘(11)_____ you _____ (work) in London?’ asked Mrs Hay.

‘No, I don’t. I (12)_____ (run) my own business in Oxford. But today I (13) _____ (have) dinner with a friend in London – we always (14)_____ (have) dinner together on the last Friday every month. I promised (15)_____ (meet) her at six o’clock.

‘There’s a train at 1.30. I don’t think you (16)_____ (be) late.’

When they (17)_____ (arrive) at the station, a train (18)_____ (stand) at the platform.

‘That’s your train,’ said Mrs Hay. ‘You (19)_____ (catch) it if you’re quick.’

‘Thank you. Good bye.’

After the man (20)_____ (get out) of the car, Mrs Hay (21) _____ (drive) away. A few minutes later she realized that she (22)_____ (make) a mistake – it was the wrong train. She (23)_____ (go) back to the station, but the train wasn’t there. She asked at the information desk.

`The train (24)_____ already _____ (leave),' the clerk told her.

`Where is it going?'

`Edinburgh'

`Where does it stop next?' asked Mrs Hay.

`It's the express service,' the clerk said. `It doesn't stop until it (25)_____ (get) to Edinburgh.'

KEY

- 1) Was driving
- 2) Saw
- 3) Was waving
- 4) Stopped
- 5) Asked
- 6) Was
- 7) Has broken down
- 8) To go
- 9) 'm not going
- 10) 'll give
- 11) Do you work
- 12) Run
- 13) 'm having
- 14) Have
- 15) To meet
- 16) 'll be
- 17) Arrived
- 18) Was standing
- 19) 'll catch
- 20) Had got out
- 21) Drove away
- 22) Had made
- 23) Went
- 24) Has already left
- 25) Gets