NARRATIVE TENSE FORMS CHART

PAST SIMPLE	PAST CONTINUOUS
POSITIVE: Subject + base verb + *-ed* ending / Subject + irregular verb form I worked You worked He/She/It worked We worked They Worked	**POSITIVE:** Subject + Auxiliary *was/were* + base verb + *ing* I was working You were working He/She/It was working We were working They were working
NEGATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary *did* + *not* + base verb I did not (didn't) work You did not (didn't) work He/She/It did not (didn't) work We did not (didn't) work They did not (didn't) work	**NEGATIVE:** Subject + Auxiliary *was/were* + *not* + base verb + *ing* I was not (wasn't) working You were not (weren't) working He/She/It was not (wasn't) working We were not (weren't) working They were not (weren't) working
YES/NO QUESTIONS: Auxiliary *did* + subject + base verb Did he live in Boston? Did they answer all the questions? **SHORT ANSWERS:** Yes, he did Yes, they did No, he didn't No, they didn't	**YES/NO QUESTIONS:** Auxiliary *was/were* + subject + base verb + *ing* Was he working in Boston? Were they answering all the questions? **SHORT ANSWERS:** Yes, he was Yes, they were No, he wasn't No, they weren't
OPEN QUESTIONS: Question word + *did* + subject + base verb What did you eat for breakfast? Where did you live in Hamburg?	**OPEN QUESTIONS:** Question word + *was/were* + subj + base verb + *ing* What were you eating for breakfast? Where were you living in Hamburg?
PAST SIMPLE USES	**PAST CONTINUOUS USES**

Completed actions in the past
     She drank her milk.
     He lived in Berlin for a long time.
Repeated actions in the past
     They always went to France in the summer.
     We often finished work late.
Actions happening in chronological order
     He folded his newspaper, finished his coffee and left the café.
	An ongoing action around a particular time in the past (with past simple)
	     He was living in Berlin <u>when</u> war broke out.
	     I saw the fox <u>while</u> I was parking the car.
	Background events & descriptions in the past
	     It was raining and people were rushing home.
	     He was wearing an old brown coat.
	Shorter, temporary actions and situations in the past
	     We met him while we were staying with our friends in Venice.

PAST PERFECT SIMPLE	PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS
POSITIVE: Auxiliary *had* + past participle I had worked You had worked He/She/It had worked We had worked They had worked	POSITIVE: Auxiliary *had* + past participle I had been working You had been working He/She/It had been working We had been working They had been working
NEGATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary *had* + *not* + past participle I had not (hadn't) worked You had not (hadn't) worked He/She/It had not (hadn't) worked We had not (hadn't) worked They had not (hadn't) worked	NEGATIVE: Subject + Auxiliary *had* + *not* + past participle I had not (hadn't) been working You had not (hadn't) been working He/She/It had not (hadn't) been working We had not (hadn't) been working They had not (hadn't) been working
YES/NO QUESTIONS: Auxiliary *had* + subject + past participle Had he worked in Boston? Had they answered all the questions? SHORT ANSWERS: Yes, he had Yes, they had No, he hadn't No, they hadn't	YES/NO QUESTIONS: Auxiliary *had* + subject + past participle Had he been working in Boston? Had they been answering the questions? SHORT ANSWERS: Yes, he had Yes, they had No, he hadn't No, they hadn't
OPEN QUESTIONS: Question word + *had* + subject + past participle What had you eaten for breakfast? Where had you lived in Hamburg?	OPEN QUESTIONS: Question word + *had* + subject + past participle What had you eaten for breakfast? Where had you lived in Hamburg?
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To talk about something that happened before another event or action in the past. When he arrived, Jane had already left. We visited the house where Darwin had lived. In reported speech for the past She told him that she had called an hour ago. I said that I had left my bag on the train. To talk about "how long?" in the past, before another action or event. He had lived in New York for 13 years. I realised that I hadn't been to London since I was a child.	To talk about actions or situations that continued up to a time in the past. I had been living in the same flat for sixteen years before I had to move. When I saw Ella, I could see she had been crying. The builders had been working on the site since early that morning.