

Narrating: Simple past/Past continuous/Past perfect

Simple Past: Used to describe a specific completed action

"I watched a movie last night."

"I saw my friend this morning."

Past Continuous: Used to set the scene or to give the background information

Used to describe a long continuous action in the past

Used to describe multiple past events happening at the same time

*"I was working for ABC at that time."
he saw her."*

"John was walking down the street when

Past Perfect: Used to describe an event happening prior to the past event

"John took a wild swing and punched me. I had never been punched up until that point."

Match the sentence with the proper verb tense:

A. Simple past

B. Past continuous

C. Past perfect

D. Other

1. Few months ago, I was dealing with a lot of stress from work.
2. I needed an escape so I did what I always do.
3. I decided to eat and drink with my best friend.
4. While I was eating dinner with a friend, he suggested boxing to relieve my stress.
5. I thought he was joking.
6. I had never been in a real fight and boxing seemed scary.
7. I shrugged it off and ignored his suggestion.
8. As the night continued, we kept drinking.
9. We were laughing, being loud, and having a good time while other people were staring at us.
10. Suddenly, a group of scary looking men approached us.
11. They told us to shut up.
12. My drunken friend decided to fight them.
13. We lost.
14. They beat us up and took our wallets.
15. The next day, I felt embarrassed, terrified, and angry.
16. I decided to never lose a fight again.
17. So that is why I joined a local boxing gym.
18. Now, I am a good fighter.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the best kinds of stories? (i.e funny stories, ghost stories, amazing stories)
2. Who told you stories when you were a child? What kind of stories did they tell?
3. What are some famous Korean stories? Do they teach the listener/reader something?
4. There are many ways to experience a story. For example: book, movie, TV show, spoken, radio, podcast, video game. What is your favorite way to experience a story?
5. What is your favorite story?
6. Could you tell us a scary story?
7. Do you know a funny story?
8. Could you tell us a story that you heard when you were a child.
9. Do you know an unbelievable story?
10. Could you tell us a story with a moral lesson in it?