

WORDS AND SENTENCES FOR NARRATIVES

Base form	Simple past	Past participle	Sample Sentences
Action Words			
explode	exploded	exploded	The car/a bomb exploded.
flash (flashing)	flashed	flashed	The light was flashing repeatedly.
crash (crashing)	crashed	crashed	The cars crashed into each other in the middle of the intersection.
rescue (rescuing)	rescued	rescued	The ambulance rescued the injured men.
save (saving)	saved	saved	A helicopter saved the injured.
Movement			
arrive (arriving)	arrived	arrived	The thief disappeared before the police arrived.
drive (driving)	drove	driven	While I was driving to school, I witnessed an accident.
go (going)	went	gone	I was going to school when I saw something terrible.
return (returning)	returned	returned	As I was returning home, I thought about what had happened.
stop (stopping)	stopped	stopped	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The cars stopped honking their horns. ▪ I stopped <u>to</u> help the injured men.
Sounds & Senses			
shout (shouting)	shouted	shouted	All the people were shouting.
scream (screaming)	screamed	screamed	Everybody started screaming when bomb exploded.
yell (yelling)	yelled	yelled	The police yelled at the man who was trying to escape.
ring (ringing)	rang	rung	I was sleeping when suddenly the telephone rang.
hear	heard	heard	I was about to start my exam when I heard a loud explosion.
see	saw	seen	I saw something unusual as I was going home one day.
listen (listening)	listened	listened	My friend listened as I told him my strange story.
watch (watching)	watched	watched	I was watching TV when suddenly a car crashed through my wall.

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<i>(Reported) speech</i>			
think (about/that)	thought	thought	I thought something terrible had happened.
speak (speaking)	spoke	spoken	I spoke to the journalist about what had happened.
tell (telling)	told	told	I told the police exactly what had happened.
report (reporting)	reported	reported	The newspaper reported that three people were killed and five injured.
ask (asking)	asked	asked	The ambulance crew asked me what had happened.
<i>Other verbs</i>			
try (trying)	tried	tried	I tried to call the police but couldn't get a signal on my mobile.
set up (setting up)	set up	set up	We had just set up camp when a big group of camels arrived.
camp (camping)	camped	camped	We camped at the bottom of a big sand dune.
sleep (sleeping)	slept	slept	We were just falling asleep when a huge explosion lit up the sky.
wail (wailing)	wailed	wailed	Soon we heard a siren wailing loudly.

Useful time phrases

- * Last year/last summer/month/week/yesterday
- * One week ago
- * On that day
- * After an hour
- * After a few minutes
- * Suddenly/out of the blue

Adjectives for expressing feelings

- ☹ I felt ... afraid (of/to) sad (about) scared (to) surprised (to) upset (about)
- ☺ I felt ... delighted (about/to) excited (about/to) happy (about/to)

Other useful sentences

- I woke up late and rushed to school but on the way there something terrible happened.
- I was waiting for the traffic light to turn green when suddenly ...
- I called the police and told them what I'd seen/what had happened.
- The car had flipped over and it looked like it was about to explode.
- Unfortunately, I had a car accident. I was covered with blood and badly injured.
- The police came to investigate. They caught the criminal and threw him in jail.
- Cars were honking and people were shouting because they were angry about ...
- Just then, I witnessed an accident. The car in front of me had crashed into a telephone pole.
- Suddenly I heard a loud noise. I thought it was just the t.v. at first but it sounded like it was coming from the closet in my room. What was inside it?
- I went outside to see what the problem was. Some kids were playing with fireworks.
- While I was calling my neighbour, the power was cut out of the blue.
- I promised myself I would never do that again.