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**Key answers to exercises on Narrative paragraph**

**Tutorial (TD) 2: Use of past tenses in a narrative paragraphs**

**Key answers**

**a)** Yesterday evening Jack got home at half past five. He immediately made himself a cup of coffee and sat down to read a book. He finished the book at half past seven. Then, he made dinner and got ready to go out with his friends. When his friends arrived, they decided to go out to see a film. He stayed out until midnight with his friends. Finally, he fell asleep at about one o'clock.

**b)** It **was** Tuesday evening and **I was getting** ready to go to bed when the phone **rang**. To my surprise it **was** my friend Peter. He **was calling** from his mobile and he was very annoyed because he **had lost** his keys and he **couldn't** get into his flat. He **thought** he **had left** them at work but now it was midnight and the office was closed so he **couldn't** get in to check. Luckily I had the keys to his flat because a month before he **had given** me a spare set so that I could look after his cat while he was on holiday. When he finally **arrived** to pick them up, it was three o'clock in the morning, and I **was lying** on the sofa fast asleep.

**c)** When I was at university as a student about two years ago, I enrolled in a diving course. My diving teacher **had** a big surprise: I **didn’t know** how to swim. In fact I had a big fear of water. When I was a child, my parents tried to help me, so they **made** me take many swimming courses. Although I **tried** hard, I did not l**earn** to swim. When I enrolled in the diving course, I was still afraid of water. Every day when I entered the swimming pool, I **battled** with my fear. Fortunately my courage won every time. Finally one day when I **was practising** my dive, I realized that I **was doing** very well. So finally after six months of hard work, I completed the course. It is true that I was always the worst of the group, but in my own evaluation, I was a champion because I **conquered** my fear of water. For me, this experience was very important. It was a test of courage and I passed it.

**Tutorial (TD) 3: Use of transitional devices in narrative paragraphs**

**a)**

**Yesterday** I drove my rusty old car to visit my best friend. **Before** I arrived, he had done his best to prepare a tasty meal. **Afterwards**, we took a long walk through the park next to his home. **After** we had been out for more than an hour, my friend asked me if I could keep a secret. **First**, I swore not to tell anyone anything. **Then** he recounted a wild tale of a crazy night which happened to him out on the town **recently**. **Finally**, he told me he had met the woman of his dreams and that they were to get married **soon**. Imagine my surprise!

**b)**

* **1. first 5. eventually 9. after**
* **2. before 6. then 10. afterwards**
* **3. when 7. later 11. in the meantime**
* **4. then 8. when 12. today**

**Tutorial (TD) 4: Use of adverbial time clauses in narrative paragraphs**

**a)**

1. He will get wet when he goes swimming.
2. We will meet the team when they arrive at the station.
3. I got to work late after I got up late.
4. The police will catch the criminal when he will make a mistake.
5. They are going on holiday after they finish their exams.

**b)**

1. He cleaned his teeth **before** he went to bed.

2. The ambulance arrived at the scene five minutes **after** the accident had happened.

3. **When** I will be older, I want to start my own business.

4. I went straight to the hospital **when** I heard about your accident.

5. They watched the programme **till** the end even though it was not very interesting.

6. They took short breaks every half an hour **when** they were playing tennis.

7. Rebecca went to bed **as soon as** she got home because she was so tired.

8. People should be very careful **when** they cross busy roads.

9. We cannot light the barbecue **until** the rain stops.

10. Paul found somebody’s wallet on the ground **while** he was walking to the bus stop.