

Past tense worksheet

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate past tense form.

1. I TV when the lights went out.

- watched
- was watching
- had watched

2. The patient before the doctor arrived.

- died
- was dying
- had died

3. His father last year.

- died
- was dying
- has died
- had died

4. Suddenly I realized that I him before.

- met

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had met
have met

5. I in the garage when James turned up.

working
worked
was working
have been working

6. While you were playing I

worked
was working
have worked

7. When I the window, the cat jumped out.

was opening
opened
have opened
had opened

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8. We in the morning.

- started
- have started
- were starting

9. She said that she not come.

- will
- would
- may

10. He asked if I help him.

- can
- could
- would

Answers

1. I was watching TV when the lights went out.
2. The patient had died before the doctor arrived.
3. His father died last year.

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4. Suddenly I realized that I had met him before.
5. I was working in the garage when James turned up.
6. While you were playing I was working.
7. When I opened the window, the cat jumped out.
8. We started in the morning.
9. She said that she would not come.
10. He asked if I could help him.