

Name _____

Before you begin, review the notes on the perfect tenses

Part 1 Instructions: Underline the correct words in the summary.

Spencer and Rosalind **1. first got/were first getting** to know each other through playing an online word game. Rosalind was living in a retirement community in Florida. She **2. moved/had** moved there 20 years earlier when she retired. Spencer was living in Massachusetts, but he **3. looked/was looking** for a job in New York because he wanted a career in music. Later, after he moved to New York, Amy Butler overheard Spencer talking with his friends. They **4. told/were telling** each other who their best friends were, and that's how she heard about Rosalind. Amy **5. decided/ had decided** to go with Spencer to visit Rosalind in Florida. Spencer's pictures of the meeting **6. went/had gone** viral, and many newspapers reported the story of how they had met and **7. were becoming/had become** friends.

Part 2 Instructions: Look at the example sentences from the summary. Which examples show...?

1. an event that took place before another event in the story
 2. an activity over a period of time that gives background to the story
 3. events in the story
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- A. Rosalind **was living** in a retirement community in Florida
 - B. Later, after he **moved** to New York, Amy Butler **overheard** Spencer talking with his friends.
 - C. Many newspapers reported the story of how they **had met**.

Part 3 **Instructions:**

Match the verbs from the above activity to the following tenses. One tense is not used.

1. past simple _____
2. present perfect _____
3. past continuous _____
4. past perfect _____

Part 4 **Instructions:** Complete the story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Use (past simple, past continuous, past perfect).

I 1. _____ (meet) my friend Amy in 2015. She 2. _____ (work) in a café at the time and I 3. _____ (go) there often. She 4. _____ (not be) very happy because she 5. _____ (just / finish) a degree in art history and she couldn't find an interesting job. One day she 6. _____ (notice) that I 7. _____ (read) a book about Leonardo da Vinci, and we 8. _____ (start) talking about art. We realised we had a lot in common, including a love of Italian art. A few months later, Amy 9. _____ (heard) about an art history course in Italy, and we 10. _____ (decide) to take it together. We both still live in Rome, and we love it here.