

### 3A GRAMMAR narrative tenses: simple past, past continuous, past perfect, past perfect continuous

a Read Part 1 of Richard's story and find examples of each tense below.

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| 1 the past perfect            | <u>had finished</u> | _____ | _____ |
| 2 the past perfect continuous | _____               | _____ | _____ |
| 3 the past continuous         | _____               | _____ | _____ |

## The most embarrassing moment of my life (Richard)

### Part 1

When I was about nine years old, I used to go to the movies every Saturday morning – in those days it was very popular. After the movie had finished, I would go to a toy shop and look at model planes and trains, and sometimes I bought them with the pocket money that I had been carefully saving. One day after the movie, I went to a big department store to look at the model planes they had. I didn't buy anything, but as I was leaving, a very large man grabbed my arm quite violently and accused me of shoplifting. The man

said that he was a security guard. Because I had been concentrating on the toys, I hadn't noticed that he had been watching me. He made me empty my pockets and he went through my coat, searching for stolen goods, even though I told him very clearly that I had only been looking. Of course, he didn't find anything, but by this time several people had stopped to see what was happening. I felt very embarrassed and humiliated that so many people were looking at me, and I was very glad to leave the store when it was all over.



b Complete Part 2 of the story with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses: simple past, past continuous, past perfect, or past perfect continuous.

### Part 2

An hour or so later, when I <sup>1</sup>was having (have) lunch with my family at home, my father <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me about the movie. I then <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (mention) that I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (look) at toys in a department store when a security guard <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (accuse) me of shoplifting and <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (search) me in the middle of the store. My father <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (make) me repeat what I <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (say), and then immediately <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (jump up) from the table. Without either of us having finished our lunch, he <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (make) me get into the car. I <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (never see) my father look so angry! He <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) quickly to the store, <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (park) outside, and took me to where the incident <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (take place). He then



demanding to see the manager and the security guard. When the manager <sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come), my father <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (start) shouting at him and he told him that I <sup>17</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (never steal) anything in my life. He <sup>18</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (make) the manager and security guard apologize to me for having accused me of shoplifting and for embarrassing me. But the thing is, I <sup>19</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (find) this scene even more embarrassing than the first one, especially because I could see that a lot of customers <sup>20</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) and <sup>21</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) us!

### ACTIVATION

Work with a partner.

**Student A:** Cover the text. Try to remember what happened to Richard in Part 1.

**Student B:** Cover the text. Try to remember what happened to Richard in Part 2.