

The Sequence of Tenses.

	<i>Past Simple</i>	<i>Past Continuous</i>	<i>Past Perfect I</i>	<i>Past Perfect II Past Perfect Cont.</i>
Tom said	he phoned his parents every day. <hr/>	he was phoning his parents at the moment.	he had phoned his parents twice that day but nobody answered the phone.	he had been phoning his parents since morning but couldn't get anybody on the phone.
Jill told me	she always did shopping on Saturday	she was doing shopping (at the moment) and would be back only in half an hour.	she had done her shopping and was free to join us.	she had been doing shopping for more than an hour and was sick and tired of it all
Sam asked Nick	if he worked for a big company. (about constant occupation)	if he was working on a new project.	if he had ever worked for a big company.	if he had been working for that company for a long time.
Mr. Nixon asked me	why I never talked about my brother.	why I was talking about my brother at that moment.	why I had talked about my brother several times and had never introduced him to him.	why I had been talking about him for half an hour instead of saying exactly whether he was the right man to do the project.
We knew	That Jane often dined out at the weekend.	that Jane was dining out somewhere in the city center.	that Jane had dined out the day before.	that Jane and her husband had been dining in that restaurant for a couple of years and they liked it a lot.
I found out	that Susan knew the manager of the company.	<hr/>	that Susan had once known that man.	Susan had known the manager for quite a long time.
		(was making every effort to get acquainted with that man).	Tom had never known happiness.	
It seemed to Mike	that his sister wanted to talk to him about that incident.	<hr/>	Jane had once wanted to become an artist that was why she showed so much interest in the topic.	Jane had wanted to become an artist since she was 13.
		his sister was trying to talk to him about that incident.		
There was no doubt	John was interested in the problem.	<hr/>	John had once been interested in the problem but no longer was.	John had been interested in that problem so long that he knew every small detail about it.