

## Narrative tenses

### 1. Cross out the words that are not necessary in each of these sentences:

- 1 The patient has had been awake all night and she looks very tired.
- 2 As the ambulance is arrived, we realized it was too late.
- 3 I was sure we had given the patient painkillers before we have moved him.
- 4 I was worried about her health and I had never thought about myself.
- 5 I didn't have feel the effects until I had been smoking for about ten years
- 6 I was been watching television when I felt this pain in my chest.

### 2. Complete the case history with the verbs in brackets in their correct form.

The patient who \_\_\_\_\_ (die) last week \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a 75-year-old male. We \_\_\_\_\_ (admit) him into ICU two months ago when he \_\_\_\_\_ (suffer) a major stroke. The patient \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a history of diabetes and cardiac failure. Before he was admitted to ICU, he \_\_\_\_\_ (already spend) two weeks on a general ward. In the first month he \_\_\_\_\_ (show) some improvement. He \_\_\_\_\_ (respond) well to medication when he suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (acquire) a severe respiratory infection. Antibiotics \_\_\_\_\_ (not cope) with the infection and within three days, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) dead.

### 3. Read the case study and write answers in the same tense as the questions:

**Patient:** female, 55years

**Reason for admission:** suffering chest pains and intermittent breathlessness for the past two days

**Observations** VS indicate critical condition

**Diagnosis by SHO on duty:** Cardiac failure

**Action taken:** 1 Admission to ICU

2 Immediate intubation and mechanical ventilation

**Instructions to nurses:** Fit urinary catheter

**Note:** Records of temperature and WBC in 'Vital Signs' file

1. Who was the patient?

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2. Why did the patient come to hospital?

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3. What did her vital signs indicate?

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4. What was the diagnosis of the SHO on duty?

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5. What treatment has been given to the patient?

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6. What further treatment is the patient going to have?

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7. Where have you recorded her temperature and WBC?

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