

NARRATIVE STORY-TELLING THROUGH MUSIC – HOMEWORK

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SONGS AND OBSERVE THE VIDEO:

- What **was happening**?
- What **happened next**?

Brief review of narrative tense functions:

- **Past Simple:** main events
- **Past Continuous:** background actions

1 Counting Stars — by OneRepublic

- The video shows a **sequence of events happening while the band plays underground**.
- Describe what **was happening** vs what **happened**.

Example:

- “People **were dancing** while the band **was playing**.”
- “Suddenly the floor **collapsed**.”

2 The Lazy Song — by Bruno Mars

- Simple and funny narrative about a **day of doing nothing**.
- **Retell the story in the past**.

Imagine the singer’s day **yesterday**.

Prompt:

“Yesterday he **woke up**, but he **didn’t want** to do anything. He **was lying** on the sofa all day...”

Students create a **short narrative** using:

- Past Simple
 - Past Continuous
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3 Story of My Life — by One Direction

- The video shows **different moments from the band members' past**.
- Describe **life stories and memories**.

Example:

“When he **was growing up**, he **spent** a lot of time with his family. They **had taken** many photos together.”

Focus:

- Past Simple
 - Past Continuous
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Watch the video and write sentences to describe the story.