

Language focus Narrative tenses

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

Match the verbs in the sentences with their past tense names.

It was raining ...

I was soaked to the skin ...

I'd missed my bus ...

I'd been walking for an hour ...

A kind passer-by gave me an umbrella ...

Past Simple

Past Continuous

Past Simple Passive

Past Perfect Simple

Past Perfect Continuous



The bee professor!



- 1 Look at the photos and read the captions. Who and what is the article about?

What else do you want to know? Write some questions with a partner.

Where does Dr Alsous come from? Who is Razan? Why ... ?

- 2 Read the whole article. What does the title refer to? Can you find answers to your questions?
- 3 Use the prompts to make questions about **Dr Alsous**. Ask and answer them with your partner.
 - 1 Why / Dr Alsous leave / country?
 - 2 What / been doing / Damascus University?
 - 3 What / to / his beehives?
 - 4 Why / England?
 - 5 Where / Razan living when / arrived?
 - 6 Why / not find / job as a beekeeper?
 - 7 How / helped / start a business?
 - 8 When and why / launch the Buzz Project?



3.1 Listen and check.

- 4 Match a line in **A** with a line in **B** to tell Dr Alsous' story. Read the story aloud to your partner. Name the past tenses used.

| A | B |
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| 1 Dr Alsous left his home | a few years before him. |
| 2 His daughter had moved to England | didn't help him find any work. |
| 3 When he arrived to join her | he wanted to help people like himself. |
| 4 Posting on Facebook | after war broke out. |
| 5 He was helped | she was just starting her cheese company. |
| 6 He launched the Buzz Project because | because of the project. |
| 7 He was interviewed by the BBC | the World Cheese Award in 2017. |
| 8 Razan won | by a kind lady who gave him a beehive. |

3.2 Listen and check.

Bees, Cheese and Refugees!



Dr Ryad Alsous knows a lot about bees. Back home in his country, Syria, he worked in the Agriculture Department at the University of Damascus, where he was known as the 'Professor of Bees'. He had 500 beehives and had been researching bees for many years when civil war broke out and all his hives were destroyed.



Dr Ryad Alsous – the university professor and beekeeper who arrived in England with only the jacket he was wearing.

