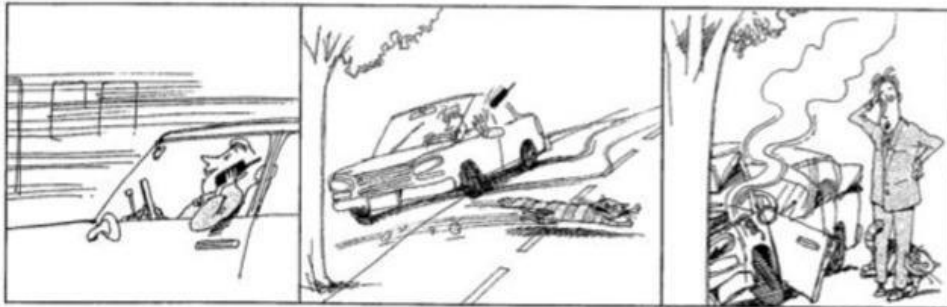


GRAMMAR BOOSTER

A Complete each sentence in your own way. Use the past continuous or the simple past tense.

1. They were having dinner when _____
2. While _____, it started to rain.
3. While Marie was watching TV, her husband _____
4. When _____, I was leaving my office.
5. He had an accident while _____

B CHALLENGE. Look at the pictures. On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about what happened using the words and phrases in the boxes.



drive
talk on cell phone
not pay attention

run in front of
stop

hit
hurt
damage

C Put the words in order and write sentences. If a sentence can be written in two ways, write it both ways.

1. dropped / Margo / off / the car

Margo dropped off the car. OR Margo dropped the car off.

2. up / it / Sam / picked

3. the tank / filled / I / up

4. can't / turn / on / Sue / the headlights

5. turn / off / I / can't / them

6. like / He'd / it / to / drop / off / at noon

7. I / to / need / up / it / fill

8. picked / the car / William / up / has

D Label each underlined noun either common or proper. Then rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined noun with a subject or object pronoun.

1. ^{Common} The car door is making a funny sound.

It is making a funny sound.

2. Mr. Lee rented the convertible.

3. The mechanic replaced the taillight.

4. Alex already called Econo-Car.

5. The Amigo minivan hit the tree.

6. My sister will drop off the keys.

7. Mrs. Lane is going to pick up her son at 5:00.

WRITING BOOSTER

A Insert commas where necessary in the following sentences.

1. You need a driver's license and a credit card to rent a car.
2. The car rental charge included a drop-off fee a fill-up fee and an airport surcharge.
3. You should shop around for the best price and make a reservation.
4. Adjust your seat mirrors and the radio.
5. Locate the controls for the lights and turn signals.

B Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence consisting of two independent clauses. Use and.

1. The driver wasn't paying attention. He hit the car in front of him.

2. It's raining. The sunroof won't close.

3. Lucy has five kids. She drives a minivan.

4. The GPS isn't working. We're lost.

C Complete the statements. Look back at the article in Exercise 14 for ideas. Add commas.

1. Many areas of the U.S. don't have good public transportation. Therefore _____

2. Car rental rates change frequently. Therefore _____

3. To find a good rate, check travel and car rental agency websites. In addition _____

4. Return your rental car with a full tank of gas. If you don't, you'll pay double the regular price for gas.
In addition _____

5. Most states have seat belt laws. Therefore _____

6. Small children must sit in the back seat. In addition _____

D On a separate sheet of paper, write about your driving or a friend or family member's driving. Include good and bad driving behaviors.