

## 5A GRAMMAR past tenses: simple, continuous, perfect

- Complete the story using the verbs in parentheses in the simple past, past continuous, or past perfect. Write the answers in the column on the right.



### My car nightmare

This story <sup>1</sup> (happen) to me one really hot summer about five years ago. It's probably the worst thing that's ever happened to me while driving a car. I <sup>2</sup> (buy) my car the week before and I <sup>3</sup> (still feel) very excited about it. It <sup>4</sup> (not have) air conditioning, but that <sup>5</sup> (not matter) to me because it was my first ever car! I <sup>6</sup> (know) that my best friend Penny <sup>7</sup> (always want) to visit a picturesque little village in the mountains about 100 miles from where we live, so I <sup>8</sup> (call) her and <sup>9</sup> (tell) her that I would take her there the following day.

It <sup>10</sup> (be) a perfect, hot summer day. The sun <sup>11</sup> (shine) and the sky was blue. While I <sup>12</sup> (drive) and we <sup>13</sup> (chat), I <sup>14</sup> (see) something out of the corner of my eye. It was a wasp which <sup>15</sup> (fly) into the car! Penny and I both <sup>16</sup> (try) to kill the wasp, which then <sup>17</sup> (start) buzzing around inside the car. Suddenly the wasp <sup>18</sup> (disappear). Then I <sup>19</sup> (feel) a pain in my arm; the wasp <sup>20</sup> (sting) me! I forgot that I <sup>21</sup> (drive), and... BANG! I <sup>22</sup> (crash) into the car in front of us. Nobody was hurt, but that was the end of our day out.

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### ACTIVATION

**Test your memory.** Cover the column on the right and look at the story. Read the story aloud with the verbs in the correct form.