

Lesson A

When things go wrong . . .

1 What were they doing?

Grammar Circle the correct verb forms in these stories.

1. A friend and I **ran** / **were running** in the park, and this guy **rode** / **was riding** behind us. We didn't hear him because we **listened** / **were listening** to music. Anyway, we **decided** / **were deciding** to stop because I was tired, and the guy **ran** / **was running** right into me. And then he just **rode** / **was riding** away!



2. An embarrassing thing **happened** / **was happening** when I **studied** / **was studying** singing at the university. At my first concert, I was on the stage and I **saw** / **was seeing** a concert hall full of people. I **got** / **was getting** so scared that I completely **forgot** / **was forgetting** the words to my song. So I just **stood** / **was standing** on the stage, and I **said** / **was saying**, "Thank you." After that, I **walked** / **was walking** off and **went** / **was going** home.

2 Interruptions

Grammar Complete the stories with the verbs given. Use one simple past verb and one past continuous verb in each sentence.

- I was telling (tell) my friends a funny story about my brother, and he _____ (walk) in.
- I _____ (do) my laundry, and I _____ (hear) a noise. My phone was in the washing machine.
- My dad _____ (delete) my music files when he _____ (try) to fix my computer.
- A friend and I _____ (have) lunch when our server _____ (spill) coffee all over us.
- My mom and dad _____ (saw) one of their neighbors on the same plane when they _____ (fly) to Beijing.
- My teacher _____ (talk) on her cell phone, and she _____ (run) right into me in the hallway.

3 Telling anecdotes

Grammar and vocabulary

Look at the pictures. Write sentences using the past continuous and the simple past.



1. *A guy was having his lunch in the park. He was reading.*



2. _____

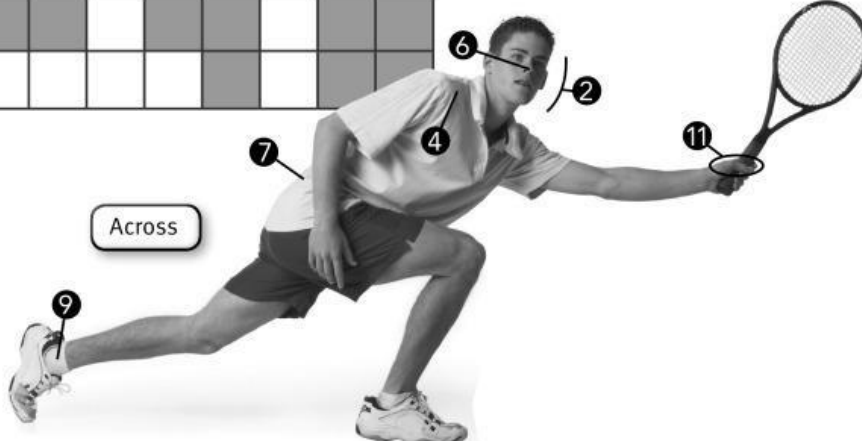
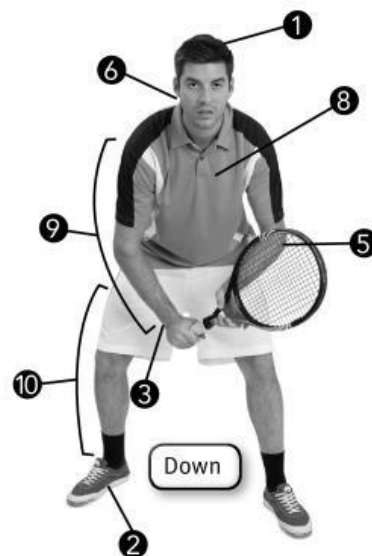
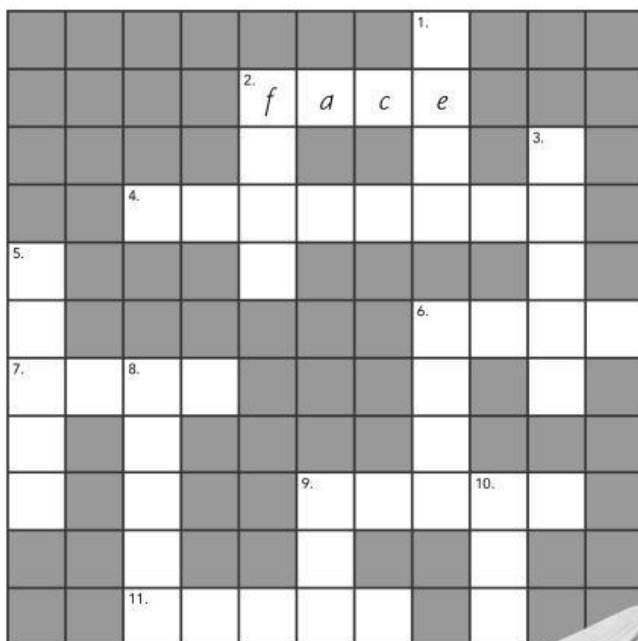
4 About you

Grammar Think about your week. Complete the sentences with true information.

- When I was eating dinner a couple of nights ago, *I spilled spaghetti sauce on my favorite T-shirt*.
- My friend called me when I _____ last weekend.
- I was doing my homework one night when _____.
- Last week, I was going to class, and I _____.
- Last weekend, I _____ when I _____.
- Yesterday, I was talking to a friend and _____.

1 Parts of the body

Reading **A** Look at the pictures and complete the puzzle.



B Circle the correct words and complete the sentences.

1. I can't move. I hurt my back.
a. thumb **b. back** c. arm
2. It's hard to walk. I broke my _____.
a. nose b. leg c. shoulder
3. I got a bruise on my _____. It hurts to smile.
a. finger b. toe c. face
4. I sprained my _____, so it's hard to write.
a. wrist b. ankle c. chest
5. It hurts to wear high heels. I broke my _____.
a. finger b. shoulder c. toe
6. I got a black _____. I can't see clearly.
a. eye b. head c. neck
7. I can't bend my arm. I hurt my _____.
a. elbow b. hip c. knee
8. It's hard to wash dishes. I cut my _____.
a. knee b. foot c. hand
9. I hurt my _____. I can't turn my head.
a. thumb b. neck c. wrist
10. I broke my _____. It's hard to breathe.
a. nose b. hip c. eye

2 How did you hurt yourself?

Grammar Complete the conversations. Use reflexive pronouns.



1. A How did your sister hurt her hand?
B Oh, she burned _____ when she was making tea.



2. A Are you OK? Did you hurt your ankle?
B Yeah. I fell when I was jogging. I didn't hurt _____ badly.



3. A What happened to your friends?
B Oh, they hurt _____ when they were moving to a new apartment.



4. A How did your father cut _____?
B He was chopping vegetables for dinner.

3 A wonderful day

Grammar Complete the conversation. Write the questions using the past continuous.

Mom Hi, honey. How was your day?

Alicia Well, I hurt myself. I kicked a ball, and it hit me on the head.

Mom Oh, no! What were you doing?
(What)

Alicia Well, I was playing soccer with some friends. I was looking in the other direction.

Mom _____
(Why)

Alicia Well, I was looking at a guy. I guess I wasn't paying attention.

Mom _____
(Who)

Alicia This really cute guy named Jason.

Mom _____
(Was)

Alicia No, he wasn't playing with us. He was just standing there.

Mom _____
(Where)

Alicia In front of the field. He was talking on the phone. Anyway, I kicked the ball, the ball hit Jason, and then it hit me.

Mom That's terrible!

Alicia Not really. Now I have a date with him on Saturday!

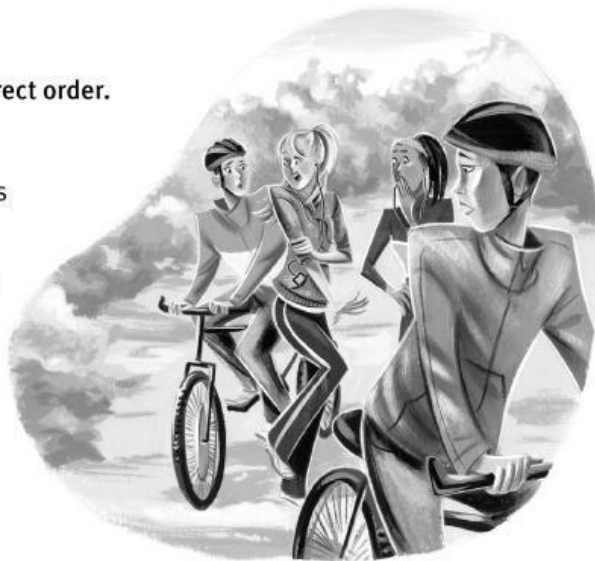


1 I bet you felt bad!

Conversation
strategies

Number the sentences in the conversation in the correct order.

1. _____ Australia? That sounds like a fun trip.
- 1 _____ You won't believe what I did last week. I was riding my bike with a friend in City Park.
- _____ Yeah. But anyway, I wasn't paying attention and ran right into a woman in front of me.
- _____ Yeah, it is. Anyway, my friend and I were talking about going to Australia.
- _____ Oh, that's a beautiful park.
- _____ Oh, no! I bet she wasn't too happy!



2. _____ Yeah. So I jumped out of bed, got dressed, and ran all the way to school.
- _____ You're kidding! That late?
- _____ I bet no one even noticed.
- _____ Yeah, I was. And when I got to class, I saw that I was wearing two different sneakers. One blue and one black! But anyway, everyone was studying for a test. So I just sat at the back.
- _____ Guess what I did? I woke up late this morning, and it was after 10:30.
- _____ The whole way? I bet you were exhausted!

3. _____ I know. The horse fell right on top of her, and she couldn't get up. But my father was there.
- _____ Yeah, it was. My dad took her to the hospital, and she's OK now.
- _____ Do you remember my cousin, Courtney?
- _____ Well, one day last summer she was out riding when her horse fell.
- _____ That was lucky!
- _____ Oh, my gosh! That's awful.
- _____ Thank goodness.



2 I bet...

Conversation strategies

Complete each conversation with an appropriate response using *I bet*.

1. A I was at the mall the other day, and I walked right into a glass door! I was so embarrassed.
B *I bet no one even noticed.*
2. A My sister wasn't paying attention when she left home for work this morning, and she locked herself out of her apartment.
B _____
3. A My little sister borrowed my new laptop last night, and she dropped it! So now it's not working.
B _____
4. A I went to a concert with some friends last weekend, but I was so bored that I fell asleep!
B _____
5. A I went to the car wash yesterday and forgot to close the car window. I got so wet!
B _____
6. A Guess what? I just won a trip to Miami in a radio contest!
B _____

3 And then what happened?

Conversation strategies

Finish these anecdotes. Then write an appropriate response.

1. A I was walking to work one morning, and I thought I saw my old friend from middle school across the street. *So I ran after him and called his name.*
Anyway, he turned around and it wasn't my friend at all.
B *Oh, no! I bet you were embarrassed.*
2. A I was taking a taxi once, and I was in a hurry. I wanted to pay with my credit card but _____

B _____
3. A Last year, none of my friends called to wish me Happy Birthday. I thought, "Maybe they just forgot." Well, when I got home, I opened the door and _____

B _____
4. A My brother was driving my dad's car in a bad storm one night and _____

B _____

1 Acts of kindness

Reading **A** Read the article. Find the answers to these questions.

1. Who is Nelson Hunter?
2. Who found Andrea's wallet?
3. How did Abby get home?
4. What did John get?

Around Town *by Nelson Hunter*

A few weeks ago, I was walking to my car in the parking lot, when someone came up to me and said he enjoyed reading my weekly column. "But," he said, "you always write about everyone's bad experiences. Why don't you ask people to talk about their good experiences, too?"

So I asked readers to write in and tell me about all the good things that happened to them recently. I got hundreds of replies. Here are three of them:

When I was shopping at the mall last week, I lost my wallet with all my money and credit cards in it. I spent a long time looking for it with no luck. I was really upset because it had my spare house key and my address in it, too. Anyway, later that day after I got home, my doorbell rang. It was a young man, and he had my wallet. Apparently, he saw it on the ground when he was walking into the mall. He drove all the way to my house to give it to me! I couldn't believe it! I was so lucky!

— Andrea Keane

I was coming home from a party really late at night, and I missed the last train home. I didn't have enough money for a cab, and I didn't want to walk home in the dark. I was standing outside the train station, and I guess I looked worried because a woman came up and asked me if I needed any help. She offered to share a cab with me and to pay for it! She said she didn't like being by herself at night, either. I was so grateful.

— Abby Walters

After class each week, I often go to the local donut shop and get some coffee before I go home. When I was leaving the store last week, the owner gave me a bag of donuts from the day before to take home for free. She said I was a good customer, and she didn't want to throw them out. When I got home, I shared them with my roommates!

— John Jones

So, thank you for all the letters. For next week, I want to hear about any funny stories you have. What funny things happened to you recently?

B Read the article again. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false) for each sentence. Then correct the false sentences.

1. Nelson Hunter usually writes about bad things that happen to people. T
2. Andrea was worried because if someone found her wallet, they could get into her house. ____
3. A young man found Andrea's wallet when he was leaving the mall. ____
4. Abby Walters had to pay for a cab home when she missed her train. ____
5. John ate the bag of donuts by himself. ____

2 Two unusual events

Writing **A** Read about two unusual events. Complete the stories using *when* or *while*. Sometimes both are correct.

① Years ago, when my friend and I were in middle school, we decided to write our names on a one-dollar bill for fun. We spent the money and forgot about it. Then, one night about 20 years later, _____ I was waiting for a bus, I saw a dollar bill on the street. I picked it up, and my name was on it. It was the same bill we wrote on! _____ I think of it now, I'm amazed!

– Ken Leonard, Los Angeles

② I had a strange experience a couple of months ago. It happened one night _____ I was sleeping. It was probably about two in the morning _____ I woke up to loud music. _____ I looked around, I saw that the radio was on. I clearly remember turning it off _____ I went to bed.

– Lisa Lee, Hong Kong

B Write about an unusual event that happened to you or to someone you know.

A really unusual thing happened to

Unit 9 Progress chart

What can you do? Mark the boxes.

☑ = I can . . .

❓ = I need to review how to . . .

To review, go back to these pages in the Student's Book.

Grammar

- ☐ make past continuous statements.
- ☐ ask past continuous questions.
- ☐ use reflexive pronouns.

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Vocabulary

- ☐ name at least 12 parts of the body.
- ☐ name at least 6 injuries.

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88 and 89

Conversation strategies

- ☐ react to and comment on a story.
- ☐ respond with *I bet*.

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Writing

- ☐ link ideas with *when* and *while*.

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