5A GRAMMAR past tenses: simple, continuous, perfect

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

My car nightmare

This story ¹▨ (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 ²▨ (buy) my car the week before and I ³▨ (still feel) very excited about it. It ⁴▨ (not have) air conditioning, but that ⁵▨ (not matter) to me because it was my first ever car! I ⁶▨ (know) that my best friend Penny ⁷▨ (always want) to visit a picturesque little village in the mountains about 150 kilometres from where we live, so I ⁸▨ (call) her and ⁹▨ (tell) her that I would take her there the following day.

It ¹⁰▨ (be) a perfect, hot summer day. The sun ¹¹▨ (shine) and the sky was blue. While I ¹²▨ (drive) and we ¹³▨ (chat), I ¹⁴▨ (see) something out of the corner of my eye. It was a wasp which ¹⁵▨ (fly) into the car! Penny and I both ¹⁶▨ (try) to kill the wasp, which then ¹⁷▨ (start) buzzing around inside the car. Suddenly the wasp ¹⁸▨ (disappear). Then I ¹⁹▨ (feel) a pain in my arm; the wasp ²⁰▨ (sting) me! I forgot that I ²¹▨ (drive), and...BANG! I ²²▨ (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.