

C Telling true stories about our family

Graham is writing about his Italian grandfather. Add these verbs in the past simple form:

wake stay wear lose tell go marry come
sell spend catch become drink

My grandfather, Alfredo, borrowed £70 and ¹ went to Egypt when he was twenty. He wanted to make money. He studied Arabic. He ² Arabic clothes. He spoke to the old men in the markets. He ³ tea with them. When he was hungry, he ⁴ fish. Sometimes he washed dishes in restaurants. Then one day an old man ⁵ him to buy coffee. He travelled about, and bought all the coffee he could find from farmers. He ⁶ about £50. Then he waited. The following year, 1947, the price of coffee increased by 200%. So he ⁷ his coffee and made his first profit. After that, he worked hard. He ⁸ every morning at 6 a.m. He bought things when they were cheap, and he sold them if they ⁹ expensive! Sometimes he ¹⁰ money, of course, but in the end he became very rich. In 1955, he ¹¹ my grandmother, the daughter of an Egyptian farmer. He ¹² in Egypt for another 15 years. Then he returned to Italy with my grandmother and a baby son, my father. He built a factory in Naples. But his son, Davide, ¹³ to England, where I was born.

Before you begin,
make sure you know
the meaning of these
three business words:
to borrow, a profit,
and a factory.

WORD
FOCUS

F An accident in the mountains of Iran

Julie is telling Brad about her trip to Iran with two friends.
Add these words to the conversation:

broke stayed walk have carried was were
didn't make arrived what fixed put

BRAD Hi Julie! Did you ¹ have a good trip? What's wrong with your leg?
JULIE I'll tell you. We ² in Esfahan by train, but we ³ want to spend all our time in the city.
BRAD So ⁴ did you do?
JULIE We took a taxi one afternoon to the village of Hafeshjan in the Zagros mountains. The local people ⁵ very friendly. We found a small hotel, and we ⁶ the night there.
BRAD And ⁷ hotel comfortable?
JULIE Yes, the hotel wasn't the problem. Next morning we started our walk in a forest outside the village. We didn't ⁸ fast, because it was already hot. Soon we saw some rocks and a cave. Then I ⁹ a big mistake. I went into the cave. I couldn't see anything, and I ¹⁰ my foot on a wet rock. I fell and ¹¹ my leg. Jim and Daniel ¹² me back to the village. When we got to the hotel, they phoned for a taxi, and they ¹³ my leg in the hospital in Esfahan!



E Working with elephants in Africa

We use the past continuous for past activities around a particular moment; and, with the past simple, to describe interruptions or news and interesting events. Lucy is going to Africa for six months. Add these verbs in the past continuous form to the conversation:

do travel not enjoy help look for work get off

ABIGAIL Jay says you're going to Africa in September.

LUCY I know, Abigail. I was working⁰ very hard last month at the office, as usual, but I had¹ my job.

ABIGAIL Oh dear. Perhaps you need a change.

LUCY That's right. Anyway, last Friday, while I were² to work on the bus, I saw a poster on the street with some pictures of elephants. People were³ the bus, so I had time to read it.

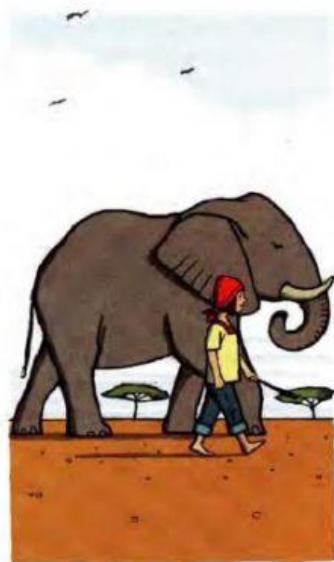
ABIGAIL What did it say?

LUCY Well, they were⁴ people to work in East Africa for six months.

ABIGAIL It's called 'Elephant Projects', isn't it? I were⁵ the washing-up a few days ago, and I heard an interview with the director.

LUCY Really? Yes, you're right. The director had⁶ a sick elephant one day, and he had the idea of starting 'Elephant Projects'. People go to Africa for six months, and they work on small projects.

ABIGAIL It's a great idea, Lucy. I'm sure you'll enjoy it.



F Breakfast, a hot afternoon and a small accident

Ví du: do -> did

Jack, Olivia and Marcia are describing what they did yesterday. In each text, you need to change two verbs from the past simple to the past continuous. Cross out the verbs, and rewrite them at the end.

Jack: morning I got up at 7 a.m. as usual. The sun shone. My dad was having a shower. I got dressed and went downstairs to have some breakfast. When I ate, the phone rang. It was Benjamin on his mobile. He ran along Green Street. He said, 'I'll be at your house in ten minutes.' I normally go to school with Benjamin. While I was waiting for him, my sister came downstairs and put the radio on.

was shining⁰ 1 2

Olivia: afternoon I was working hard all morning, so I went for a walk after lunch. I walked through the park when I met Megan. She sat on the grass. We went to the library together, but it was very busy. Some students were reading, and others were working on the computers. It was very hot, too, so we didn't stay.

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Marcia: evening I drove home from work at about 6.30 p.m., when I saw a small accident on the other side of the road. A car stopped quickly and another car hit it. It rained hard at the time. When I got home at about 7 p.m., my husband Oliver was making dinner in the kitchen. I told him about the accident. We had dinner and watched TV until bedtime.

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