

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 went⁰ to Egypt when he was twenty. He wanted to make money. He studied Arabic. He¹ Arabic clothes. He spoke to the old men in the markets. He² tea with them. When he was hungry, he³ fish. Sometimes he washed dishes in restaurants. Then one day an old man⁴ him to buy coffee. He travelled about, and bought all the coffee he could find from farmers. He⁵ about £50. Then he waited. The following year, 1947, the price of coffee increased by 200%. So he⁶ his coffee and made his first profit. After that, he worked hard. He⁷ every morning at 6 a.m. He bought things when they were cheap, and he sold them if they⁸ expensive! Sometimes he⁹ money, of course, but in the end he became very rich. In 1955, he¹⁰ my grandmother, the daughter of an Egyptian farmer. He¹¹ 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,¹² 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 made arrived what fixed put

- BRAD Hi Julie! Did you have⁰ a good trip? What's wrong with your leg?
- JULIE I'll tell you. We¹ in Esfahan by train, but we² want to spend all our time in the city.
- BRAD So³ did you do?
- JULIE We took a taxi one afternoon to the village of Hafeshjan in the Zagros mountains. The local people⁴ very friendly. We found a small hotel, and we⁵ the night there.
- BRAD And⁶ hotel comfortable?
- JULIE Yes, the hotel wasn't the problem. Next morning we started our walk in a forest outside the village. We didn't⁷ fast, because it was already hot. Soon we saw some rocks and a cave. Then I⁸ a big mistake. I went into the cave. I couldn't see anything, and I⁹ my foot on a wet rock. I fell and¹⁰ my leg. Jim and Daniel¹¹ me back to the village. When we got to the hotel, they phoned for a taxi, and they¹² 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 I¹ my job.

ABIGAIL Oh dear. Perhaps you need a change.

LUCY That's right. Anyway, last Friday, while I² to work on the bus, I saw a poster on the street with some pictures of elephants. People³ the bus, so I had time to read it.

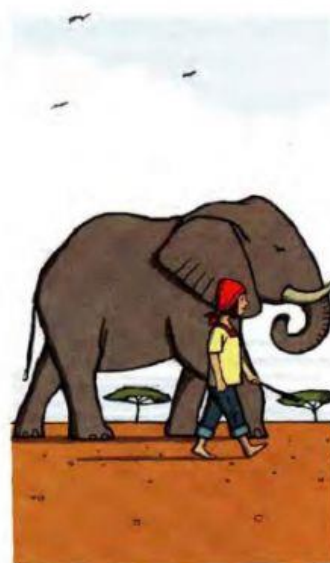
ABIGAIL What did it say?

LUCY Well, they⁴ people to work in East Africa for six months.

ABIGAIL It's called 'Elephant Projects', isn't it? I⁵ the washing-up a few days ago, and I heard an interview with the director.

LUCY Really? Yes, you're right. The director⁶ 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 dụ: 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 shining⁰¹²

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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