

What happened?

On Complete the anecdotes with the past continuous or simple past. Then close your book. Take turns retelling the anecdotes to a partner.

past continuous are *talk, do, go, say, try, get, and tell*.

1. I was having (have) lunch in a café yesterday when the server accidentally spilled (spill) tomato sauce on my shirt. I guess he wasn't paying (not / pay) attention. I was upset, but I got (got) my lunch for free.
2. My friend and I were at a barbecue last week. When we were walking (walk) around the yard, she tripped (trip) and fell (fall) into the pond.
3. I damaged (damage) my parents' car last week. I was trying (try) to park, and my friend was talking (talk) to me, and I hit (hit) a wall. Now I have to pay for the repairs.
4. I was in a chemistry class recently, and a classmate and I were doing (do) an experiment when something went wrong (go) wrong. I burned (burn) my hand.
5. Last week I was on the bus, and I was talking (talk) to my girlfriend on my cell phone. Well, actually, we were having (have) a long argument. We were not getting along (not / get along) at the time. When I ended (end) the call, I realized that everyone on the bus was listening (listen). How embarrassing!



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Lesson A Past continuous statements

A Complete the sentences with the past continuous or the simple past. Compare with a partner.

1. I was in class last week, and the teacher was explaining (explain) something, and I just fell (fall) asleep. When I woke up (wake up), I realized that everyone was looking (look) at me.
2. Yesterday I walked (walk) down the street, and I was texting (text) a friend when I walked (walk) right into a lamppost. I guess I wasn't paying (not pay) attention.
3. My sister and her husband were carrying (carry) some dishes into the kitchen when they both tripped (trip) over a rug. They were dropping (drop) and were breaking (break) all their new dishes!
4. Last week a friend of mine invited (invite) me over for dinner. In the afternoon, when she was cooking (cook), she picked up (pick up) a heavy pot and hurt (hurt) her back. When I arrived (arrive), she was lying (lie) on the sofa, so I was making (make) dinner for us!
5. The other day, a friend and I were at my house. We were not doing (not / do) anything special, so I said (say), "Come on. Let's go out for coffee. It's on me." While I was waiting (wait) in line to order, I realized (realize) I didn't have my wallet. So my friend paid (pay) for everything. I was really embarrassed.

About you

B Choose two of the situations above and rewrite them with your own information.