What happened?

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



UNIT 9

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 _____ (wake up), I realized that everyone _____ (look) at me.
2. Yesterday I _____ (walk) down the street, and I _____ (text) a friend when I _____ (walk) right into a lamppost. I guess I _____ (not pay) attention.
3. My sister and her husband _____ (carry) some dishes into the kitchen when they both _____ (trip) over a rug. They _____ (drop) and _____ (break) all their new dishes!
4. Last week a friend of mine _____ (invite) me over for dinner. In the afternoon, when she _____ (cook), she _____ (pick up) a heavy pot and _____ (hurt) her back. When I _____ (arrive), she _____ (lie) on the sofa, so I _____ (make) dinner for us!
5. The other day, a friend and I were at my house. We _____ (not / do) anything special, so I _____ (say), "Come on. Let's go out for coffee. It's on me." While I _____ (wait) in line to order, I _____ (realize) I didn't have my wallet. So my friend _____ (pay) for everything. I was really embarrassed.

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

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