

Past Simple and Past Continuous

SAVED BY AN MP3 PLAYER!

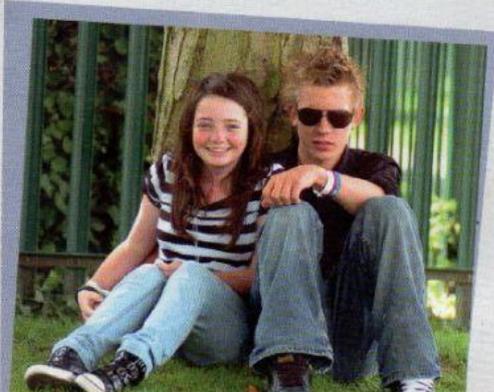


Sophie Frost, a schoolgirl from England, thought she was very lucky when her grandmother gave her an MP3 player as a present. But she didn't know just how lucky she was. When an accident happened a few days later, the MP3 player probably saved her life!

14-year-old Sophie was going for a walk with her boyfriend, Mason Billington, when it started raining. They immediately ran and sat under the nearest tree but while they were sitting together, lightning struck. The lightning hit them both and they fainted. When Mason woke up, Sophie was lying on the ground, so he carried her to the nearest road to get help. A car stopped and took them to hospital. Sophie had some burns on her chest and legs. She also had some problems in her eyes and ears but fortunately she got better soon.

How did Sophie's MP3 player help? Was Sophie listening to music when lightning struck? No, she wasn't. When the accident happened, Sophie wasn't listening to music on her MP3 player but she was wearing it around her neck. Doctors believe that the lightning didn't travel through Sophie's body. It travelled through the wire of the MP3 player instead!

Sophie was lucky this time – but she learnt her lesson. Next time there is a thunderstorm, she is not going to sit under a tree!



1) Number the events in the correct order.

- ___ It started raining.
- ___ Sophie went to hospital.
- ___ Sophie and her boyfriend went for a walk.
- ___ Sophie's grandmother gave her a present.
- ___ An accident happened.

2) Answer:

a) What did Sophie's grandmother give her?

b) What did Sophie and Mason do when it started to rain?

c) What happened to them when the lightning hit?

d) How did they get to the hospital?

e) How did the MP3 player help Sophie?

3) Complete using the verbs in Simple Past or Past continuous.

- a. Sophie _____ (walk) when it _____ (start) to rain.
- b. While Sophie and Mason _____ (sit), a lightning _____ (hit).
- c. When Mason _____ (wake up), Sophie _____ (lie) on the ground.
- d. Sophie _____ (not/ listen) to music when the accident _____ (happen).

4) Answer TRUE or FALSE.

- a. Sophie is from Scotland.
- b. Sophie's grandmother gave her a present.
- c. Sophie is 16 years old.
- d. She went for a walk with her boyfriend.
- e. When they were walking, an earthquake hit their town.
- f. A lightning hit and both of them fainted.
- g. Mason carried Sophie to the nearest road and someone in a car helped them.
- h. Sophie was listening to music when the lightning struck.
- i. Doctors believe that the MP3 player helped Sophie.
- j. Sophie is not going to sit under a tree next time there is a thunderstorm.