

5A GRAMMAR past tenses

a Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous, or past perfect.



My first car nightmare

This story ¹ happened (happen) to me about five years ago and it's probably the worst thing that's ever happened to me while driving a car.

I ² had bought (buy) my car the week before and I ³ _____ (still feel) very excited about it. It ⁴ _____ (not have) air conditioning but that ⁵ _____ (not matter) to me because it was my first ever car! I ⁶ _____ (know) that my best friend Penny ⁷ _____ (always want) to visit a picturesque little village in the mountains about 150 kilometres from where we live, so I ⁸ _____ (call) her and ⁹ _____ (tell) her that I would take her there the following day.

It was a perfect, warm spring day. The sun ¹⁰ _____ (shine) and the sky was blue. While I ¹¹ _____ (drive) and we ¹² _____ (chat), I ¹³ _____ (see) something out of the corner of my eye. It was a wasp which ¹⁴ _____ (fly) into the car! Penny and I both ¹⁵ _____ (try) to kill the wasp which ¹⁶ _____ (buzz) around inside the car. But the wasp suddenly ¹⁷ _____ (disappear). Then I ¹⁸ _____ (feel) a pain in my arm: the wasp ¹⁹ _____ (sting) me! I forgot that I ²⁰ _____ (drive), and... BANG! I ²¹ _____ (crash) into the car in front of us. Nobody was hurt but that was the end of our day out and of my car.

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b Cover the text. Look at the picture and try to remember the story.