

AMAZING ANIMALS



Two readers tell us their stories

1 Last summer, Tom was coming back from Scotland when his dog disappeared.

What were you doing when it happened?

We were having a break at a motorway café. My mum and dad weren't feeling very well and they were having coffee. I was taking Paddy for a walk when he saw a rabbit. He ran after it and disappeared. What did you do? We looked for him for hours. Finally, we went home to Birmingham, 350 kilometres away. Five weeks later, we were having lunch when we heard a dog outside. We looked out of the window and there was Paddy!



2 On 26 December 2004, Pam's aunt was on holiday in Thailand.

What was your aunt doing on the morning of the tsunami?

My aunt was with a group of tourists. They were having an elephant ride on the beach. Ten minutes later, the tsunami destroyed the town.

How did she escape?

She was riding the elephant when it started to trumpet loudly. She was worried because the elephant wasn't acting normally. The guides tried to calm it but it started to run. When the big wave came, the elephant was carrying her up the hill. The elephant saved her from the tsunami!



Read the interviews again. Answer these questions.

- 1 Why did Paddy run away? _____
- 2 How far did Paddy travel? _____
- 3 Where was Pam's aunt on holiday? _____
- 4 How did the elephant save Pam's aunt? _____

Read the sentences

We were having lunch when we heard a dog outside.

When Paddy came back, we were having lunch.

Remember!!!

We use the Past Continuous for longer activities.

We use the Past Simple for short actions or events.

Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

- 1 I _____ (think) about my sister when my mobile _____ (ring). It was her!
- 2 When the flood _____ (come), our cat _____ (sit) on the roof.
- 3 A boat _____ (sink) in the ocean, when a dolphin _____ (see) it and _____ (bring) help.
- 4 He _____ (watch) the news when his dog _____ (bring) him today's newspaper.

Complete the text with the verbs in the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

Last summer, we (sail) _____ off the coast of New Zealand when we (see) _____ a group of dolphins. They (jump) _____ in the water. We (stop) _____ and I (dive) _____ into the water to take some photos of the dolphins. I (take) _____ photos when one of the dolphins (swim) _____ towards me and (push) _____ me towards the boat. The other dolphins (watch) _____ us all the time. They (not play) _____ any more. I (look) _____ around and (see) _____ a huge shark. I (get) _____ out of the water very quickly. When I (get) _____ onto the boat, the dolphins (disappear) _____ at once. They saved my life.