

Discussing grammar

1 Compare the use of tenses in these sentences. How do the tenses change the meanings?

1. *I read* | *I was reading* a book on the plane.

2. When Alice arrived, | *I made a cake.*
 | *I was making a cake.*
 | *I had made a cake.*

3. *The movie started* | *The movie had started* when we got to the theater.

4. He was fired because | *he had stolen some money.*
 | *he had been stealing money for years.*

5. When I got to the garage, my car | *was being repaired.*
 | *had been repaired.*

The news - listening task

Listen to the first story. Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1. Ten workers have died.
2. They'd been trapped up a mountain.
3. They'd been build ing a new road.
4. There was an avalanche.
5. Sixteen men managed to escape.
6. Ten were fatally injured.
7. The men were recovering at home.
8. The cause of the accident is known.

