

Complete the anecdotes with the past continuous or simple past.  
Then close your book. Take turns retelling the anecdotes to a partner.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (got) 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!