

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!