

Vocabulary and Grammar

1 Complete the text with the words from the box.

success party wedding day celebrate reward wedding anniversary marriage

Double wedding celebration

Two couples got together today to 1) celebrate 25 years of 2) _____. Brothers Jim and Kenny Clarke married sisters Amy and Julia King in a double wedding 25 years ago. 'We enjoyed our 3) _____ so much that we wanted to relive the memory on our 4) _____' said Amy. 'We've organised a big 5) _____ and invited all our family and friends.' So, what is the secret of the couple's 6) _____? 'We try to solve our problems quickly. And we like to 7) _____ each other when things go well.'

2 Choose the correct words.

Snake found on plane

There was panic on a *package / packed* plane on a *motorway / runway* at Manchester Airport yesterday evening. *Passengers / Travellers* on the plane were frightened when they saw a snake sleeping under one of the seats fifteen minutes before *take-up / take-off*. One of the flight attendants called *police / security* staff and they caught the snake and put it back in its cage on the cargo *deck / floor*. 'The cage wasn't closed properly, so the snake was able to escape. It's a grass snake, so it isn't poisonous, but a few of the people on the plane were *terrified / terrible*, 'said Lee Mylles, a flight attendant on the plane.

Grammar: Past tenses

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use Past Simple or Past Continuous.

- 1 While we were watching (watch) the news, the doorbell _____ (ring).
- 2 I _____ (see) an accident when I _____ (walk) home.
- 3 The police _____ (catch) the thief while he _____ (try) to escape.
- 4 While the celebrity couple _____ (make) their latest film, they _____ (get) married.
- 5 The fire fighters _____ (rescue) the cat while they _____ (put) out the fire.
- 6 When the prime minister _____ (arrive) hundreds of photographers _____ (wait).

4 Read the sentences and answer the questions.

1 When the news reporter arrived, the crowd had gone.

Was the crowd there when the news reporter arrived?

Yes No

2 The police said that the thief had been in the building.

Has the thief gone?

Yes No

3 When he turned on the TV, the news had started.

Did they see the beginning of the news?

Yes No

4 The actress drove away when the photographers arrived.

Was the actress there when the photographers arrived?

Yes No

5 When they gave the traffic report on TV, we had already gone away.

Did they hear the traffic report?

Yes No

5 Complete the texts with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use Past Simple, Past Continuous and Past Perfect.

Police hunt granny suspects

Police suspect two grandmothers of stealing a student's purse at a train station in the north of England. The two ladies 1) were seen (be see) on security cameras. They 2) _____ (laugh) to themselves moments before the theft. The ladies 3) _____ (find) the student's bag and then 4) _____ (take) it to the transport police office. Later, while the student 5) _____ (check) her bags, she 6) _____ (realise) that her purse 7) _____ (disappear). The police said, 'We would like to interview these ladies. They 8) _____ just _____ (get off) a train from Newcastle'.

Prisoner mails himself to freedom

A prisoner 9) _____ (put) himself in a big package and then 10) _____ (mail) himself from a jail in Austria. The man 11) _____ (serve) a sentence for robbery when he 12) _____ (escape). He 13) _____ (make) himself into a package and then other prisoners put him onto a truck. When the truck 14) _____ (travel) a distance from the prison, the man 15) _____ (break) out of the package and escaped.