PAST TENSES

(PET L15 Spooky Stories Banshee)

1. Use the headlines below to complete the sentences.

Train crashes on outskirts of London	Boy goes missing after 6th birthday party	Driver loses control of vehicle causing serious accident	Plane crashes two minutes after take off	Ship sinks just outside harbour

1. The boy *had just had* (have) his 6th birthday party when he *went* (go) missing.

2. The train _____ just _____ (reach) London when it _____ (crash).

3. The accident _____(happen) because the driver _____(lose) control of his car.

4. The ship _____ just _____ (leave) the harbour when it _____(sink).

5. The plane _____ only _____(take off) two minutes before it _____(crash).

2. Underline the correct tense.

1. Helen **got/had got** into the car when she **realised/was realising** she **forgot/had forgotten** her bag at home.

2. Susan **watched/was watching** TV while Rita **had read/was reading** her book.

3. When I **had got/got** to the scene of the car accident, the police **had already arrived/arrived**.

4. While Fred **was driving/drove** past the factory, there **was/had been** a huge blast.

5. The skiers **were spending/had spent** five days in the mountains before the mountain rescue team **found/had found** them.

6. We **were walking/walked** in the forest when it suddenly **was starting/started** pouring rain.

7. We **called/were calling** 999 and **told/had told** the operator that we **needed/had needed** an ambulance.

8. A man **was hijacking/hijacked** the plane while we **were flying/flew** to London.