5A GRAMMAR past tenses: simple, continuous, perfect

Complete the story using the verbs in parentheses in the simple past, past continuous, or past perfect. Write the answers in the column on the right.

My car nightmare

This story [1] _____ (happen) to me one really hot summer about five years ago. It's probably the worst thing that's ever happened to me while driving a car. I [2] _____ (buy) my car the week before and I [3] _____ (still feel) very excited about it. It [4] _____ (not have) air conditioning, but that [5] _____ (not matter) to me because it was my first ever car! I [6] _____ (know) that my best friend Penny [7] _____ (always want) to visit a picturesque little village in the mountains about 100 miles from where we live, so I [8] _____ (call) her and [9] _____ (tell) her that I would take her there the following day.

It [10] _____ (be) a perfect, hot summer day. The sun [11] _____ (shine) and the sky was blue. While I [12] _____ (drive) and we [13] _____ (chat), I [14] _____ (see) something out of the corner of my eye. It was a wasp which [15] _____ (fly) into the car! Penny and I both [16] _____ (try) to kill the wasp, which then [17] _____ (start) buzzing around inside the car. Suddenly the wasp [18] _____ (disappear). Then I [19] _____ (feel) a pain in my arm; the wasp [20] _____ (sting) me! I forgot that I [21] _____ (drive), and…BANG! I [22] _____ (crash) into the car in front of us. Nobody was hurt, but that was the end of our day out.

[1] *happened*

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ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the column on the right and look at the story. Read the story aloud with the verbs in the correct form.

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