

A Lucky Escape in Galway

Last year, while I was travelling around Ireland, I had a strange experience in Galway. It was raining, and I was walking to the bus station when I realised I had lost my phone. I panicked and started looking everywhere.

While I was checking my pockets, a man was running down the street. He stopped and asked, "Are you looking for this?" He was holding my phone!

I couldn't believe it. I thanked him many times. While we were talking, another person almost stepped on my bag, which I had left on the ground. Luckily, nothing bad happened. It was a stressful day, but I felt very lucky in the end!

1. Where was the writer?

2. What happened to their phone?

3. Who found it?

4. What was happening while they were talking?

5. How did the writer feel in the end?

Match the phrase to its meaning:

Phrase	Meaning
1. I panicked	A. I felt very grateful
2. I couldn't believe it	B. I was extremely nervous or scared
3. Luckily	C. I was very surprised
4. I thanked him many times	D. Fortunately

Grammar Focus: Past Simple vs Past Continuous

Past Simple: finished actions in the past

Examples:

- I lost my phone.
- He found it.

Past Continuous: actions in progress in the past (background)

Examples:

- I was walking to the station.
- He was running down the street.

Common structure: was/were + verb-ing

Together:

- I lost my phone **while I was walking**.
- **While we were talking**, someone almost stepped on the bag.

Practice A: Complete with Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. I _____ (walk) home when it started to rain.
2. She _____ (cook) dinner when I arrived.
3. They _____ (see) a rainbow yesterday.
4. We _____ (drive) through the mountains when the storm hit.
5. He _____ (not hear) the bell.
6. I _____ (read) when the lights went out.
7. The dog _____ (bark) all night.
8. While we _____ (talk), the waiter dropped a glass.
9. I _____ (meet) an old friend at the park.
10. While I _____ (take) a photo, my phone died.

Practice B: Make sentences

Use the prompts to write full sentences:

1. She / read / when / hear / noise

2. I / take / shower / when / phone / ring

3. We / walk / when / it / start / snow

4. They / play / cards / when / dinner / be / ready

5. He / fall / asleep / while / watch / TV