B. Conversation. Tell about an unusual event in your life. Describe what you and others were doing at the time and what happened. Examples of events: a traffic accident, an earthquake, a fire, and so on.

Fill It In

Tenses in Context. Fill in the blanks in the following story with the **simple past** or **past continuous**. Remember that more than one tense may be possible in some of the blanks.

A Strange Day on Planet Zenon

This is XR 101, Planet Zenon News. I'm talking to little TQ005 who has an amazing story to tell. TQ, can you tell us what (1)_____ (happen) yesterday?

We (2)_____ (have) a normal Sunday afternoon when something unbelievable (3)_____ (happen). Dad (4)_____ (dig) craters in the backyard while Mom (5)_____ (punch) our dinner order into the computer. My sister, RQ005, (6)_____ (check) the computer printout to make sure it (7)_____ (match) what Mom (8)_____ (order). My brother, PQ005, (9)_____ (repair) his rocket. My younger sister, VQ005, and her friend (10)_____ (do) experiments in her laboratory when the trouble (11)_____ (begin).

I (12)_____ (oil) my robot when suddenly it (13)_____ (sound) its warning alarm. When the alarm (14)_____ (begin) to ring, everyone (15)_____ (stop) what they (16)_____ (do). We (17)_____ (try) to find out why the alarm (18)_____ (ring) when a strange object (19)_____ (appear) in the sky. It (20)_____ (seem) to be coming directly toward us. And in a few minutes, it (21)_____ (land) right in Dad's newly made crater. We all (22)_____ (hold) our breath. While we (23)_____ (watch), one of the doors slowly (24)_____ (open). Then two of the ugliest creatures I've ever seen (25)_____ (step) into the doorway. I (26)_____ (hide) my eyes from the horrible sight when they (27)_____ (begin) coming closer. The robot (28)_____ (begin) to examine them as they (29)_____ (approach). When the robot's arm (30)_____ (reach) out to grab them, the two creatures (31)_____ (run) back into their ship and (32)_____ (begin) to take off again. As the ship (33)_____ (climb) back up to the sky, I (34)_____ (see) the strange markings on the side that (35)_____ (look) like this: "Planet Earth."

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