

News stories

8 Read the three stories. Put the phrases in the box in the correct place in the stories.

- a and was waiting for him at the finish line
- b who were all watching its final journey
- c because he was going to visit his mother
- d while travelling at 141,600 kilometres per hour
- e who was driving dangerously
- f while he was running



Blind Driver Arrested

Police in Kentucky stopped a 31-year-old man, Daniel McCarthy, ¹ ____, and then discovered he was blind. 'He had his dog with him,' said police spokesman Melvyn Kittburg. McCarthy said he only recently lost his sight. He knew the road very well ² ____. His dog was trained to bark once at a red light and twice at a green light. McCarthy lost his driving licence.

The 100-Year-Old Marathon Runner

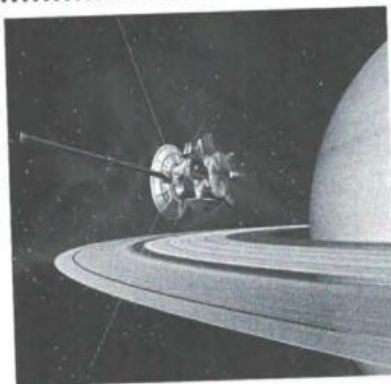
Fauja Singh became the first 100-year-old to finish a marathon when he completed the Toronto Waterfront marathon in 8 hours 11 minutes and 5.9 seconds. He drank lots of water ³ ____ and he never took a rest. Fauja was exhausted after the race, and said the last six miles were the most difficult. His 75-year-old son came to the race ⁴ ____.

Fauja started running at the age of 89 after the deaths of his wife, son and daughter. It gave him a reason to live.



Death of a Spacecraft: Cassini Hits Saturn

NASA's Cassini spacecraft ended its 20-year mission when it dived into Saturn. Cassini, a man-made meteor, hit Saturn at 11.30 a.m. UK time ⁵ _____. This moment marked the end of an eight-billion-kilometre journey. NASA scientists and engineers, ⁶ ____, were very emotional. Many of them were at NASA 20 years ago when Cassini started its journey.



Past Simple and Continuous

9 Write the verbs once in the Past Simple and once in the Past Continuous.

have

- 1 'I went to Liam's party last night.'
'Did you have a good time?'
- 2 They were having dinner when the doorbell rang.

live

- 3 I _____ in Rome when I was a child.
- 4 I _____ in Rome when I met my wife.

talk

- 5 You were on the phone for ages! Who _____ you _____ to?
- 6 I had a problem with my neighbour, but I _____ to him, and it's OK now.

wear

- 7 When I saw Bella, she _____ a beautiful red dress – she looked stunning.
- 8 'What _____ you _____ for your interview yesterday?'
'A suit and tie.'

rain

- 9 When I left the house, it _____, so I took my umbrella.
- 10 'Did you have good weather for your wedding?'
'No, it _____ all day, but it didn't matter.'

