

5A GRAMMAR past tenses

- a Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous, or past perfect.



My first car nightmare

This story ¹ happened (happen) to me about five years ago and it's probably the worst thing that's ever happened to me while driving a car.

I ² had bought (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 150 kilometres from where we live, so I ⁸ _____ (call) her and ⁹ _____ (tell) her that I would take her there the following day.

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

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- b Cover the text. Look at the picture and try to remember the story.

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3 was still feeling

4 didn't have

5 didn't matter

6 knew

7 had always wanted

8 called

9 told

10 was shining

11 was driving

12 were chatting

13 saw

14 had flown

15 tried

16 was buzzing

17 disappeared

18 felt

19 had stung

20 was driving

21 crashed