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What a story!

1

Complete these news stories using the verbs from the list.

- carrying missed disappearing reported
 had said happened

1.

Aircraft in Near Collision

On Tuesday, a jumbo jet that was carrying 382 passengers and an Air Force plane _____ each other by 15 meters in mid-air over the Atlantic Ocean. A spokesperson for the airline company, which _____ the near miss in a statement yesterday, said the incident _____ so quickly that neither pilot _____ time

to take evasive action. "There was no warning whatsoever," _____ the captain of the jumbo jet. He looked out of the window and saw the tail of the Air Force plane as it was _____ into the clouds.



- felt passing turned jogging thought
 got said gave realized

2.

JOGGER GETS SHOCK

A jogger _____ the shock of his life when he was _____ around a city park on Saturday. "As I was _____ under the branches of a large tree, I _____ something drop on me," he recalled. "At first, I _____ it was some branches, but then I _____ it was a snake! I couldn't believe it! Then the guy



running ahead of me _____ around and saw it slide off. The snake wasn't particularly big, but it _____ me quite a shock all the same." A snake expert _____ the snake was probably a python, which is non-poisonous.

2

Match the sentences in columns A and B. Then rewrite the sentences. Join them by using as, when, or while.

A	B
1. I was crossing the road. <u>b</u>	a. My racquet broke.
2. I was using my computer. _____	✓b. A car nearly hit me.
3. We were playing tennis. _____	c. The water went cold.
4. I was taking a shower. _____	d. I burned my finger.
5. I was cooking dinner. _____	e. It suddenly stopped working.

- As I was crossing the road, a car nearly hit me.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

3

Complete these conversations. Use the past tense or the past continuous of the verbs given.

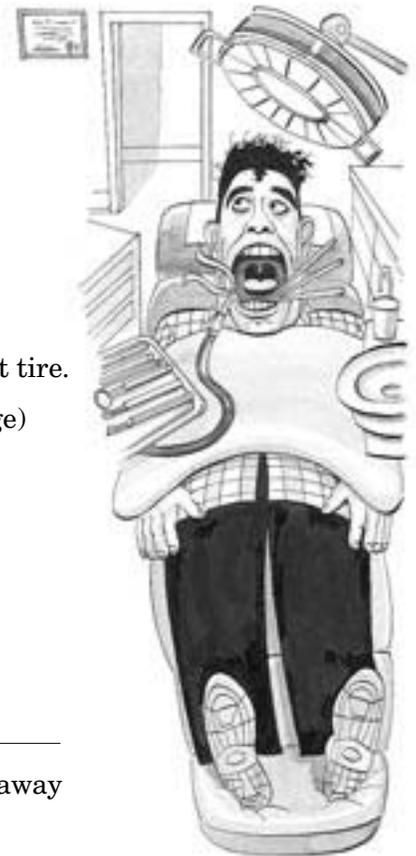
- A: Guess what happened to me last night. As I was getting (get) into bed, I _____ (hear) a loud noise like a gunshot in the street. Then the phone _____ (ring).

B: Who was it?

A: It was Mariana. She always calls me late at night, but this time she had a reason. She _____ (drive) right past my apartment when she _____ (get) a flat tire. It was very late, so while we _____ (change) the tire, I _____ (invite) her to spend the night.
- A: I'm sorry I'm so late, Kathy. I was at the dentist.

B: Don't tell me! You _____ (meet) someone interesting while you _____ (sit) in the waiting room. I know how you are, Tom!

A: Well, you're wrong this time. The dentist _____ (take) X rays when she suddenly _____ (get) called away for an emergency. So I just sat there waiting for two hours!



4

Lost and found

A Read this story from a newspaper.

Fishermen found safe and sound

Three Taiwanese fishermen were rescued yesterday from a small uninhabited island in the South Pacific. The men had disappeared for more than three months.

They had left Taiwan in a small fishing boat and had planned a week-long trip. On their fifth day, however, they encountered a typhoon, and it badly damaged their boat.

Fortunately, none of the men was hurt. After the storm had passed, though, they discovered that the engine wouldn't start, so their



boat just drifted at sea for over a month. During this time, the fishermen caught fish to eat and drank rain water to stay alive.

Finally, the boat drifted toward a small island. When it got close enough, the men jumped out and swam to shore. On the island, they found fresh fruit and vegetables, and they continued to catch fish to eat.

The fishermen had lived on the island for two months when a passing ship rescued them. Although the three men had lost a lot of weight, they were still in fairly good shape. Their families feared that the fishermen had lost their lives during the typhoon. They were surprised and happy that the ship had found them and that they were "safe and sound."

B Answer these questions.

1. How long were the fishermen missing?

2. Where did they sail from?

3. How long had they planned to be away?

4. How was the boat damaged in the storm?

5. What did they do to stay alive?

6. How were they rescued?

5

Imagine you got lost like the men in the reading in Exercise 4. Write two paragraphs about what happened. In the first paragraph, describe how you got lost. In the second, say how you got home.

Where were you when you got lost? What were you doing?
 How long were you lost?
 What did you do to find your way back?
 Were you rescued? How?

A couple of years ago, I got lost in the mountains. I was hiking when it suddenly got foggy. I was really frightened because I couldn't see anything, and it was getting cold. I decided to put up my tent and stay there for the night.

While I was putting up my tent, though, the fog began to clear. . . .

6

Choose the correct verbs to complete the story.

Grammar note: After

In sentences using *after* that show one past event occurring before another, the clause with *after* usually uses the past perfect.

After the storm **had passed**, the men discovered that the engine wouldn't start.



Robbie and I had just gotten engaged, so we went to a jewelry store to choose a wedding ring. I just chose a really nice diamond ring when a man with a mask and a gun came in. After the robber took Robbie's wallet, he demanded the ring. I just handed it to him when the alarm started to go off, and the robber ran off. We were so relieved! But then the sales assistant told us we had to pay for the ring because I gave it to the robber! We just told the sales assistant that we wouldn't pay for it when the police arrived and arrested us! I've never had such a terrible experience!

7

Choose the best headline for each of these events.

What a disaster!

What a predicament!

What an emergency!

What a triumph!

What a lucky break!

1. _____
Joan Smith was seven months pregnant when she and her husband, Hank, went on vacation to a small, remote island. They had had a wonderful first day on the island, but that night Joan was in a lot of pain. There were no doctors on the island, and the hotel

where they were staying didn't even have a phone. Hank had almost given up when he finally found the only phone on the island. He called a hospital on the mainland, and half an hour later a helicopter picked Joan up and took her to the hospital – just in time for her to have a beautiful baby girl.

2. _____
Victoria Peters was very sick for several months before her final exams this summer. She simply couldn't study at all. Her parents suggested she should skip a year and take the exams the next summer. Remarkably, Victoria got well suddenly just before the exams, spent the next two weeks studying, and got the highest grade in her class!

3. _____
Jesse Peterson had waited years for a promotion. Finally, a week ago, he was offered the position he had always wanted – Regional Manager. On the same day, however, he won over \$16 million in the lottery. Jesse's wife wants him to resign from his job and take her on a trip around the world. Jesse says he cannot decide what to do.

8

Complete the sentences. Use the simple past, the past continuous, or the past perfect of the verbs given.

1. A month after an art show opened (open) in New York, it was discovered that someone _____ (hang) a famous painting by the French painter Henri Matisse upside-down.
2. In 1960, a Turkish diver _____ (discover) the remains of a 3,000-year-old shipwreck while he _____ (dive) for sponges off the coast of southwest Turkey.
3. Several years ago, construction workers _____ (discover) the ruins of Shakespeare's Rose Theatre in London while they _____ (prepare) the site for a new office building.
4. In 1995, an earthquake _____ (strike) Kobe, Japan. An earthquake _____ (not strike) the city for a very long time.



9

Read this situation. Then use the information and clues to complete the chart. Write the name of each reporter and each country. (You will leave one square in the chart blank.)



Five news reporters – two women and three men – arrived for an international conference on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. No more than two people came on the same day. The reporters came from five different countries.

Clues

- The women: Ms. Anderson and Ms. Benson
- The men: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Swire
- The countries: Australia, Canada, Italy, Singapore, and the United States

The order of arrivals:

- Mr. Swire arrived late at night. No one else had arrived that day.
- Ms. Anderson and Mr. Marks arrived on the same day. The man from Singapore had arrived the day before.
- The reporters from Italy and Australia arrived on the same day.
- Mr. Jackson and the woman from Italy arrived on Tuesday, after Mr. Marks.
- The reporter from Australia had arrived the day after the person from the United States.
- Mr. Marks is from North America but not the United States.

Reporters' Countries and Arrival Days		
Sunday	Name: _____	Name: _____
	Country: _____	Country: _____
Monday	Name: _____	Name: _____
	Country: _____	Country: _____
Tuesday	Name: _____	Name: _____
	Country: _____	Country: _____