

## 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 <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> had bought (buy) my car the week before and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (still feel) very excited about it. It <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) air conditioning but that <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not matter) to me because it was my first ever car! I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that my best friend Penny <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (always want) to visit a picturesque little village in the mountains about 150 kilometres from where we live, so I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) her and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her that I would take her there the following day.

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

#### activation

- 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