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Past Simple • Past Continuous  
have + noun • Writing a story 1

It all went wrong

## Past Simple

### 1 Choosing the right verb

Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Past Simple.

fall	find	break
laugh	spend	leave
lose	need	take
celebrate	save	
can't (past = couldn't)		

## LOST, ALONE, AND INJURED ON A MOUNTAIN



Gary Smith yesterday celebrated his twentieth birthday. He wants to be alive. In March this year he was climbing Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, when he (1) \_\_\_\_\_ his way and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ hours in the snow. 'My friends took me to the mountain and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ equipment. They went out to my life.'

\_\_\_\_\_ him at 9.00 the next morning. A helicopter (10) \_\_\_\_\_ him to hospital, where he (11) \_\_\_\_\_ several operations. 'Next time I'll go with my friends, not on my own!' he joked.



## 6 Past time expressions

Complete the sentences with a word from the box. Careful! Sometimes no word is necessary.

I arrived home at six o'clock last night.  
I saw Jane — yesterday.

ago	last	in	for
at	when	on	

- I was born in Africa — 1970.
- My parents moved back to England — I was five.
- We lived in Bristol — three years.
- I left college three years —.
- I found a job in a different city — last year.
- I usually go home — the weekend.
- I didn't go home — weekend because some friends came to stay.
- They arrived — three o'clock — the afternoon.
- Saturday evening we went out to a concert.
- we got home we listened to some music.
- We got up late — Sunday morning.
- the afternoon we went for a walk.
- I bought a car a few weeks —.
- I had an accident — last night.
- It happened — seven o'clock — the evening.
- I took my car to the garage — this morning.
- It will be ready — two weeks.



## Past Continuous

### 7 Forming the Past Continuous

**T 3.3** Yesterday you went to a picnic. This is what you saw when you arrived. Make sentences in the Past Continuous.

When I arrived at the picnic ...

- Harry/take/photograph/of Bill  
Harry was taking a photograph of Bill.
- Emma and Mary/sit on the grass  
—
- Andy and Charlie/play/football  
—
- Katie/choose/a CD  
—
- Maxine/drink/orange juice  
—
- Beth and Charlotte/eat/crisps  
—
- Justin/show/Tony a photograph  
—
- James/tell/a joke  
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