

5A GRAMMAR past tenses

- a Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses: simple past, 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 100 miles 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 _____ (talk), I ¹³ _____ (see) something out of the corner of my eye. It was a wasp that ¹⁴ _____ (fly) into the car! Penny and I both ¹⁵ _____ (try) to kill the wasp that 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.

5B GRAMMAR *usually* and *used to*



	then	now
Occupation	college students	Pierre: photographer, Lucie: journalist
Residence	Paris, France	Chicago, US
Hopes and dreams	be rich	be healthy and happy together
Eating habits	ate prepared food	mostly homemade food
House	lived with their parents	penthouse apartment with their dog
Holidays	camping	normally stay in 4- or 5-star hotels
Sport	didn't play sports	both ride bikes on the weekend. Pierre often plays golf to network
Vehicle	both rode bikes; Pierre: an old scooter	a Mercedes. Pierre sometimes rides his Harley Davidson
Clothes	secondhand	often designer clothes, but not always
Body type	slim	Pierre: putting on weight
Weekends	got up late, went out at night with friends	normally stay in, cook, and watch TV
Friends	lots of friends	just a few close ones

a Look at the table and complete the sentences with *used to*, *didn't use to*, or the simple present. Use *usually* where appropriate, although it is not always possible.

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| 1 Pierre and Lucie <u>usually ride bikes</u> on the weekend. | ride bikes |
| 2 Pierre _____ as a photographer. | work |
| 3 They _____ in Paris anymore. | not live |
| 4 They _____ of being rich. | dream |
| 5 They _____ homemade food when they were students. | not eat |
| 6 They _____ their meals at home now. | cook |
| 7 They _____ with their parents. | live |
| 8 They _____ in expensive hotels these days. | stay |
| 9 Pierre _____ golf when he was a student. | not play |
| 10 Pierre _____ his old scooter anymore; he has a Harley Davidson. | not ride |
| 11 They _____ designer clothes, but not all the time. | wear |
| 12 He _____ very slim. | be |
| 13 They _____ on the weekend and watch TV. | stay in |
| 14 They _____ lots of friends. | have |

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b Cover the sentences and look at the table. Make three sentences about Pierre and Lucie using *used to* and three sentences using *usually*.

6A GRAMMAR the passive *be* + past participle

- a Circle the correct form, active or passive.

My favorite film: *Spider-Man*

The Spider-Man movies ¹**based** / **are based** on the Marvel Comics character Spider-Man, who is the alter ego of Peter Parker, a photographer who works for a local newspaper, the *Daily Bugle*.

When he is young, some important documents ²**steal** / **are stolen** from Peter's home, and his parents then mysteriously ³**disappear** / **are disappeared**. Peter ⁴**sends** / **is sent** to live with his aunt and uncle. Here, he starts a new school, a new life, and becomes interested in science.



One day, he's in the school laboratory doing some experiments and he ⁵**bites** / **is bitten** by a genetically modified spider. From that moment, he has the same abilities as a spider. During the movies he ⁶**fights** / **is fought** against criminals and ⁷**falls** / **is fallen** in love with his classmate, Gwen Stacey.

The special effects for the latest Spider-Man movie ⁸**made** / **were made** with a special 3D-camera. The fantastic soundtrack was partly written by the British group Coldplay, and thousands of copies of the track ⁹**have bought** / **have been bought** all over the world.

- b Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in parentheses. Write the answers in the column on the right.

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| 1 I <input type="text"/> (give) a book for my birthday that I'd already read. | <u>was given</u> |
| 2 If you take a credit card with you on vacation, I'm sure it <input type="text"/> (accept) in most places. | _____ |
| 3 This dress is silk. It has to <input type="text"/> (wash) in cold water or it will shrink. | _____ |
| 4 The actress realized that she <input type="text"/> (follow) by the paparazzi, so she drove home again. | _____ |
| 5 A <input type="text"/> the thief <input type="text"/> (catch) yet? | _____ |
| B I don't think so. The police are still looking for him. | |
| 6 <input type="text"/> you ever <input type="text"/> (tell) a secret that you couldn't keep? | _____ |
| 7 This bank <input type="text"/> (rob) twice since it opened last year. | _____ |
| 8 When Jack arrived at the meeting, the decision <input type="text"/> (already make). | _____ |
| 9 Our apartment <input type="text"/> (paint) right now. Everything's a real mess! | _____ |
| 10 Although Pete thought the interview had gone really well, he <input type="text"/> (not offer) the job. | _____ |
| 11 When does this book have to <input type="text"/> (return) to the library? | _____ |
| 12 When we got to the parking garage we saw to our horror that our car <input type="text"/> (steal). | _____ |

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- c Cover the column on the right in **b** and look at the sentences. Read the sentences aloud with the passive in the correct form.

6B GRAMMAR modals of deduction: *might* / *may*, *can't*, *must*

a Circle the correct verb.

- A Don't look now but isn't that Jane Marshall over there?
 B Where?
 A At that table by the window.
 B No, it ¹**must** / **can't** be. She went to live in Chicago.
 A But I'm sure it's Jane.
 B Mmm, I suppose it ²**can't** / **might** be her. But if it is, she looks much thinner than she used to.
 A Well it ³**must** / **can't** be five years since we last saw her. Someone can change a lot in five years!
 B You're right, it is Jane. But who do you think the man is? He ⁴**can't** / **might not** be her husband, can he?
 A No, he ⁵**can't** / **might not** be. They broke up years ago and haven't spoken to each other since.
 B He ⁶**can** / **may** be her new boyfriend – or her son!
 A Should we go over and find out?



b Complete the dialogues with *must*, *might*, *might not*, or *can't*.

- 1 A That's the second laptop that Jack's bought this year.
 B He must have a lot of money then!
 A He's a student so he _____ be that rich.
 B He _____ have generous parents then.



- 2 A Do you know where Charlie is?
 B Well, he _____ be far away. His phone's on the table.
 A Any idea where he _____ be?
 B He _____ be talking to the boss or he _____ be in the photocopying room. Do you want me to look for him?



- 3 A I have a missed call and I don't recognize the number.
 B So, it _____ be from anyone you know.
 A Ah, I know! It's that company who interviewed me last week. They _____ be calling to offer me the job. I'm not surprised: I had a really good interview.
 B Well, don't be too confident because they _____ be calling to say you didn't get the job.
 A There's only one way to find out!



- 4 A This steak _____ be for me. It looks like it's medium-rare, and I asked for a well-done steak.
 B It _____ be mine, then. I ordered a medium-rare steak.



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c Cover the dialogues in b. Look at the pictures and try to remember the dialogues.