The class
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Language quiz
Can you fill in the gaps in this short story with the correct verb form?

Here’s an example to help you:

Example
I (1. drive) through a dark forest at night when suddenly my car (2. break down) in the middle of nowhere.

Answer
I (1. was driving) through a dark forest at night when suddenly my car (2. broke down) in the middle of nowhere.

I (1. walk) in the park one sunny morning when I (2. hear) a strange noise in the bushes. I (3. go) over to investigate. A chimpanzee (4. sit) on the floor, (5. eat) a banana. I quickly (6. walk) away and (7. call) the police. They (8. tell) me that the chimpanzee (9. escape) from London Zoo the day before!

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Correct.
Speaking and writing practice

Now it’s time to practise writing and speaking with a friend. Write a short story about a strange or interesting event in your life. The story can either be true or completely invented! Pay attention to the verb forms you use:

- Use the **past continuous** to set the scene. (Where were you living and what were you doing at the time?)
- Use the **past simple** for the main events of your story.
- Use the **past perfect** to talk about things that happened before the main story or to show that a past action happened BEFORE another past action.

Now share your stories with your friends and try to work out which stories are true, and which are false.

Answers to exercise on page 1

I (1. **was walking**) in the park one sunny morning when I (2. **heard**) a strange noise in the bushes. I (3. **went**) over to investigate. A chimpanzee (4. **was sitting**) on the floor, (5. **eating**) a banana. I quickly (6. **walked**) away and (7. **called**) the police. They (8. **told**) me that the chimpanzee (9. **had escaped**) from London Zoo the day before!