

Story ordering

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| I was coming back home from Turkey |
| who had rented a bungalow in the mountains near Ankara.* |
| when there was a loud bang from the right hand side of the plane |
| and said there was a problem with one of the engines |
| Of course, everyone started looking around but the plane carried on flying normally. * |
| I felt pretty nervous, I can tell you, but I tried to concentrate on my book * |
| We had to wait for about an hour, and then we got back on the plane. |
| This happened about five years ago. |
| where I'd been on holiday with some friends |
| Anyway, we were on the plane and had just taken off |
| and I could see a lot of smoke coming from one of the engines.* |
| And then a few minutes later the pilot came on |
| and we'd have to return to the airport. |
| and about ten minutes later we landed without any problems. |
| Actually it was a different plane, and I was pretty relieved that it was. * |

Note

There are 15 segments. These can be reduced to 10 by removing the non-essential segments marked *. More segments can be made if necessary by cutting one or two of the more complex sentences.

Verb tenses gap fill

This (1) _____ (happen) about five years ago. I (2) _____ (come) back home from Turkey where I (3) _____ (be) on holiday with some friends who (4) _____ (rent) a bungalow in the mountains near Ankara.

Anyway, we were on the plane and (5) _____ (just / take off) when there (6) _____ (be) a loud bang from the right hand side of the plane and I could see a lot of smoke coming from one of the engines.

Of course, everyone (7) _____ (start) looking around but the plane (8) _____ (carry on) flying normally.

And then a few minutes later the pilot (9) _____ (come on) and said there was a problem with one of the engines and we'd have to return to the airport.

I felt pretty nervous, I can tell you, but I (10) _____ (try) to concentrate on my book and about ten minutes later we (11) _____ (land) without any problems.

We had to wait for about an hour, and then we (12) _____ (get) back on the plane. Actually it was a different plane, and I was pretty relieved that it was.

Complete text

Account for the choice of tense for each of the verbs **in bold text** below.

(1) This **happened** about five years ago. (2) I **was coming** back home from Turkey where (3) **I'd been** on holiday with some friends (4) who **had rented** a bungalow in the mountains near Ankara.

Anyway, (5) we **were** on the plane and (6) **had just taken off** when (7) there **was** a loud bang from the right hand side of the plane and (8) I **could see** a lot of smoke coming from one of the engines.

Of course, (9) everyone **started** looking around but (10) the plane **carried on** flying normally. And then a few minutes later (11) the pilot **came on** and said there was a problem with one of the engines and we'd have to return to the airport.

I felt pretty nervous, I can tell you, but I tried to concentrate on my book and about ten minutes later we landed without any problems.

We had to wait for about an hour, and then we got back on the plane. Actually it was a different plane, and I was pretty relieved that it was.