

## 1 Story ordering

There are 14 strips. These can be reduced by combining shorter sentences, or expanded by dividing the longer ones.

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The moon was shining through the trees and it was very spooky.

Suddenly, the car broke down. 'I'll go for help and you stay here,' said the man.

'Keep the door locked and don't get out until I get back.' He walked off into the night.

After a while, the woman heard a noise on the roof of the car. Then there was a banging sound.

It sounded like someone hitting something on the roof of the car.

She was terrified, but she stayed in the car. The banging went on and on.

Then there was a noise outside and lots of bright lights came on.

A voice shouted, 'This is the police. Get out of your car, walk towards the police car

and DO NOT look back.' She got out and began to walk towards the police car.

But she couldn't help looking back. On the roof of her car was a madman.

In one hand he was holding a huge knife. In the other hand was something round, about the size of a ball.

It was this round thing that he was banging on the roof of her car.

To her horror, she saw it was her boyfriend's head. The madman had cut it off.

**2 Grammar gap fill**

Complete the story by writing in the correct tense of each of the verbs in brackets.

A young couple (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) through the woods at night. The moon  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) through the trees and it was very spooky. Suddenly, the car  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (break down).

'I'll go for help and you stay here,' said the man. 'Keep the door locked and don't get out until I get back.' He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (walk off) into the night.

After a while, the woman (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise on the roof of the car. Then there was a banging sound. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (sound) like someone hitting something on the roof of the car. She was terrified, but she stayed in the car. The banging went on and on.

Then there was a noise outside and lots of bright lights came on. A voice shouted, 'This is the police. Get out of your car, walk towards the police car and DO NOT look back.'

She got out and began to walk towards the police car. But she couldn't help looking back. On the roof of her car was a madman. In one hand he (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a huge knife. In the other hand was something round, about the size of a ball.

It was this round thing that he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (bang) on the roof of her car. To her horror, she (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) it was her boyfriend's head. The madman  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) it off.

### 3 Complete text

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After a while, the woman **heard** a noise on the roof of the car. Then there was a banging sound. It **sounded** like someone hitting something on the roof of the car. She was terrified, but she stayed in the car. The banging went on and on.

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It was this round thing that he **was banging\*** on the roof of her car. To her horror, she **saw** it was her boyfriend's head. The madman **had cut** it off.

#### Notes

##### \* **was banging**

It would also be possible to use the past perfect continuous: **had been banging**. The meaning would be slightly different:

- **was banging** - he was still doing it when she looked.
- **had been banging** - he had stopped doing it before she looked. The continuous form shows that he had done it more than once, over a period of time.