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- . Ask and answer wh- questions in the simple past
- Answer questions about a reading and a conversation
- Ask and answer questions about accidents
- Ask and answer questions about a news report
- · Write a conversation about what you saw on your way to school

STEP 1

GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

BEFORE YOU READ

NOCABULARY Study the words. Then work with a partner. Practice the conversation.





a broken headlight

a dent



a car accident

a scratch

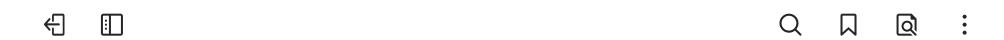


Conversation

- A: I was in a car accident.
- B: Oh, no! What happened?
- A: I drove into a car. I have a broken headlight.
- Now talk about other accidents. Use the words in A or other words.
- A: I was in _____.
- B: Oh, no! What happened?
- A: I _____. I have _____.

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Unit 26





Read Amanda's phone conversation with her brother Rob and her husband Josh.

Rob's Accident

AMANDA: Hi, Rob. What's up?... Are you OK?... Well, that's good. When did it happen?... Where did it happen?... Are you there now?... Why did you

drive?... Does Dad know?

(Amanda says goodbye to Rob and talks to Josh.)

JOSH: What happened?

AMANDA: Rob had a car accident this morning.

JOSH: How is he?

AMANDA: He's fine, but the car isn't.

JOSH: What happened to the car?

AMANDA: There's a big dent in the bumper,

and a headlight is broken.

JOSH: How did the accident happen?

AMANDA: I guess the road was slippery. The

car hit a sign.

JOSH: That's too bad.

AMANDA: The thing is, Rob took Dad's car

because he didn't want to walk to the supermarket in the rain. But he didn't ask

Dad first.

JOSH: Uh-oh.

AMANDA: Rob is at Charlie's Auto Repair Shop² now.

The mechanic replaced³ the headlight and fixed the dent. He also replaced a tire and fixed some scratches on the car. Now the

mechanic wants \$1,000.

JOSH: A thousand dollars? Poor Dad.

AMANDA: What do you mean, "Poor Dad?"

Poor Rob.

1 slippery: smooth and easy to fall or have an accident on

2 auto repair shop: place that fixes cars

3 replaced: got a new thing in place of an old thing







AFTER YOU READ

- COMPREHENSION Look at the conversations again. Answer the questions.
- 1. When did the accident happen?
 - a. In the morning.
- **b.** In the afternoon.
- 2. What happened to Rob in the accident?
 - a. He got hurt.

- b. Nothing. He didn't get hurt.
- 3. Who was the driver?
 - a. Rob was.

- b. Dad was.
- 4. How did the accident happen?
 - a. The car hit another car.
- b. The car hit a sign.
- 5. Where did Rob take the car after the accident?
 - a. To his father's office.
- b. To Charlie's Auto Repair Shop.
- Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

Go to MyEnglishLab for more grammar in context practice.

GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

SIMPLE PAST: WH- QUESTIONS

Questions				
Wh- Question Word	Did	Subject	Base Form of Verb	
Why		Rob	go	to the store?
How long		he	stay	at the store?
Who		he	go	with?
Where	did	the accident	happen?	
When		it	happen?	
What time		it	happen?	
How		it	happen?	

He want	ted to get some food.
Half an	hour.
Nobody.	He was alone.
In front	of the supermarket.
In the m	orning.
At 10:00	a.m.
The car	hit a sign.

Questions About the Subject				
Wh- Question Word	Simple Past Verb			
What	happened?			
Who	drove	the car?		

Answers					
Rob	had	a car accident.			
Rob	(did).	iii car accidenti			





GRAMMAR NOTES

1 Simple Past Wh- Questions: Form

To make most wh- questions in the simple past, use a wh- word + did + the subject + the base form of the verb.

- A: When did he call?
- B: In the morning.
- A: Where did she go?
- B: To the store.
- A: What did they do?
- B: They called an ambulance.
- A: Who did you visit?
- B: My mother.

USAGE NOTE We often use wh- question words + a noun to get more exact information.

- · What time
- · What day

- A: What time did the accident happen?
- B: 10:00 a.m.
- A: What day did you go there?
- B: Thursday.

2 Wh- Questions About the Subject

To make *wh*- questions **about the subject**, use a *wh*- **word** + the **simple past form** of the verb.

- A: Who called?
- B: My brother called.
- A: What happened?
- B: I had a car accident.

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BE CAREFUL! Do not use *did* with questions about the subject.

Who drove?

NOT Who did drive?

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REFERENCE NOTES

For **definitions of grammar terms**, see the Glossary on page 375.

For information on **simple past** *yes/no* **questions**, see Unit 25 on page 286.

For a list of **irregular past tense verbs**, see Appendix 19 on page 373.

STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE

EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

GINA: Why are you late? What happened?

CAMERON: There was an accident on my way here. Traffic was awful.

GINA: Oh. Where did the accident happen?

CAMERON: Just before Exit 6 on the highway.

GINA: What caused the accident?

CAMERON: A box fell off² a truck, and it hit a car. The car stopped, and another car hit it.

GINA: What time did it happen?

CAMERON: About 3:30 p.m.

GINA: Did anyone call the police?

CAMERON: Yes. The police were there.

GINA: What did the police do?

CAMERON: They closed two lanes of

the highway.

GINA: Did anyone get hurt?

CAMERON: No, but the cars had a lot

of damage.



B Read the conversation in A again. Circle the correct answers.

- 1. Why did Cameron come late?
 - a. He was in an accident.
- (b.) He saw an accident.
- 2. When did the accident happen?
 - a. in the morning
- **b.** in the afternoon
- 3. What did the police close?
 - a. two lanes of the highway
- b. the highway

- 4. Who got hurt?
 - a. one of the drivers
- b. nobody

¹ caused: made something happen

² fell off: dropped down to the ground