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Sporting mad

Tune in to Writing

A narrative

1 Read Carmen's blog and choose a title.

- a A frightening experience b An exciting sport c A beautiful day

Carmen's blog

I had always wanted to go flying in a glider. One day, as a birthday present, my mum and dad took me to a flying school where you can go up in a glider with an instructor.

5 ¹At first / While I had to have some training. Mike, my instructor, explained the rules and the safety procedures. ²Then / As soon as he gave me my helmet and showed me how to put it on. We got in our glider. ³At first / After that, the pilot of the
10 aeroplane which was taking us up in the air started the engine and we took off. ⁴When / Next the plane was flying at the right altitude and the speed was good, he released the glider. We were gliding through the air!

It was really exciting and my heart was beating quickly all the time. ⁵While / After that we were in the air, Mike taught me how to control the machine. It was great! But it was over too
15 quickly because ⁶the next day / after a while we landed safely on the ground.

⁷Afterwards/ Before my parents came over to the plane. They looked really nervous, but I was excited. I told Mike that I wanted to go back in the air again ⁸while / as soon as we had landed. He just laughed and said he had felt the same after his first flight. It was the best experience of my life!



2 Read Carmen's blog again. Choose the correct linkers and time expressions.

3 In her story Carmen uses different past tenses. Find three examples of the Past Simple, Past Continuous and Past Perfect in the story.

Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past Perfect
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2	2	2
3	3	3

4 Change the verbs in bold in the paragraph to the Past Perfect or Past Continuous.

Janet ¹went skiing with her friends. She was very nervous because she ²wasn't skiing before. Everything started well. She went to the ski shop and hired the equipment. The problems started after she ³got to the ski lift. She got on with the help of a friend and she started to relax as she ⁴travelled up to the mountain top. But at the top, she panicked because she didn't know how to get off. She tried to get off the lift when it ⁵still moved. Instead she fell off and landed on a group of five people who ⁶waited to get on the lift. Everyone fell over in a pile of skis and poles. When Janet's friends arrived to help her, they found out that she ⁷hurt her foot in the fall and she couldn't go skiing after all!

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