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The kindness of strangers

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Language focus

Narrative tenses

1 Complete the article with the verbs in the chart. Use each verb once only.

Past Simple	Past Continuous	Past Perfect Simple	Past Perfect Continuous
was lowered	was having	had managed	had been bodyboarding
hovered	was struggling	had arrived	
made	was working	had risked	
swept		had been	
was taken		had happened	
swam			
came through			



Prince William to the rescue!

As well as being a future king, Prince William is also a qualified helicopter pilot. So it was that while he ¹ **was working** as an RAF Sea King pilot, he rescued a teenage girl from drowning off the rocky coast of Wales. He ² _____ on duty for only 15 minutes when a call ³ _____ that a young girl ⁴ _____ difficulties in the sea. In less than a minute, the Prince and his crew ⁵ _____ at the scene and were ready for action.

Girls in distress

Thirteen-year-old Tamara West ⁶ _____ when a rip tide ⁷ _____ her out to sea. From the beach, Tamara's older sister, Sharon, saw what ⁸ _____ and ⁹ _____ out to save her. However, in the meantime, a surfer ¹⁰ _____ to rescue Tamara, and now it was poor Sharon who ¹¹ _____ against the strong current and the waves.

Calm and controlled

Prince William calmly ¹² _____ overhead in the ambulance helicopter whilst the paramedic, Master Harry Harrison, ¹³ _____ to rescue the exhausted girl from sea. The teenager ¹⁴ _____ to hospital where she ¹⁵ _____ a full recovery. The Prince's superior officers were full of praise for his handling of the rescue. Prince William and his crew ¹⁶ _____ their lives to save the life of a young girl.

