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WRITING IN THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE IMPROVE YOUR WRITING

A Diary

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 b the bus wasn't there
 c only cost £50
 d When we arrived in France

e was in another country
 f and listened to the music
 g we finally left London
 h I walked back to the car park

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

We left Victoria Coach Station about 1 o'clock. The bus was full of people, mostly young. There were one or two Australians! The traffic was really bad at that time and it was nearly an hour before (4) _____ We arrived in Dover in the afternoon and took the ferry across the English Channel. (5) _____ they asked to see my passport... and then they told me I needed to pay for a visa.

TUESDAY

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