

1. Complete this text with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

Jack's father (read) a book last night when he (hear) a noise out in the garden. He (open) the window and looked out. It (be) a dark night and at first he could see nothing. But as he (shut) his window, he (see) a man. The man (try) to climb over the garden wall. He was a thief. When he saw Jack's father at the window, he (jump) off the wall and ran away. Jack's father (run) after him. There was a car at the end of the street, and someone else (wait) for him inside. The thief reached the car, but just as he (get) into it, Jack's father (catch) him.

2. Complete these sentences with the Past Simple and Past Continuous.

The boy was knocked down by a bus as he (cross) the road.
A lot of people (see) the accident while they (wait) for the train.
Just as the doctor (go) to bed there (be) a knock at the door.
Silvia (go) to the British Museum when she (study) at London College.
He (fall) down and (break) his leg while he (play) football.
The travellers (reach) the town as the sun (set).
The foolish boy (jump) off the bus while it (go).
The hunter (shoot) and (kill) the lion just as it (jump).

3. Translate into English using the Past Simple and the Past Continuous.

- 1) Mi amigo estaba comprando un cuaderno y yo estaba comprando un libro.
- 2) Estábamos escuchando música en la clase cuando llegó el profesor.
- 3) Cuando salí de la oficina, envié tu carta.
- 4) Me encontré a tu hermano mientras corría en el parque.
- 5) Sandra no fue a la fiesta de cumpleaños porque estaba trabajando ese día.

4. Put in the correct tenses: past simple or past continuous.

At six o'clock this morning I (have) a wonderful dream, but then the alarm (go) off.
While I (talk) to Mrs Portens somebody (walk) into my office and (steal) the computer.
I (look) out of the window and (see) that we (fly) over the mountains.
I (wake) up to find that water (drop) through the bedroom ceiling.
I (meet) Nancy when I (go) back home from work this morning. She (shop).
She (tell) me she (have) a bad time with her husband.
I (go) to see how she (be) and found she (cry). When I walked in, they (talk) about Henry.
She (meet) her husband while she (travel) in Egypt. When Jake (come) in everybody (stop) talking.

5. Write the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

When I (come) home my family (clean) the garden.
For lunch yesterday Chris (eat) spaghetti.
I (break) my pen while I (do) my activities.
Peter (turn on) the TV, but nothing (happen).
While we (run) in the park, Mary (fall over).
When Helen (be) at school, she (learn) to speak German.
At seven o'clock Tony (get) out of bed, and (go) into the bathroom.
While Kate (drink) some milk, she (drop) the glass.
Jane (not be) at home when I (visit) her yesterday.
When the teacher (come) into the class, two boys (fight).
This time yesterday I (lie) on the beach.
Yesterday at 12.00 I (sit) on the sofa (watch) TV, then I (hear) the doorbell, so I (stand) up and (go) to open the door.