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# Past Simple and Past Continuous

**1** Circle the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.

- a) Mary prepared / was preparing lunch when they came / was coming.
- b) Tom was very unlucky. It rained / was raining every day during his holidays.
- c) Who was that nice girl you talked / were talking to when I walked / was walking by the pub?
- d) Last weekend Susan fell / was falling and broke / was breaking her leg.
- e) When I entered / was entering the cafeteria Mary had / was having lunch with Peter.
- f) We drove / were driving to Berlin in Robert's new car.
- g) The sun shone / was shining brightly when I got up / was getting up this morning.
- h) Ann finally told / was telling us the whole story about Peter.

**2** Read the following sentences and put the verbs in brackets in either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous. Put any other words in brackets in the correct place.

- a) As Sophie \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) up Regent Street she \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) an old friend from college.
- b) When \_\_\_\_\_ (father/arrive) yesterday?  
 He \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late. The train \_\_\_\_\_ (be) delayed due to an accident.
- c) Who \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ speak) to on the phone when I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in?
- d) Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (read) in bed when she \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange noise downstairs.
- e) When Mr. Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) brightly. However, by 10 o'clock it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) heavily.
- f) Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at Susan's house a little before 11 a.m., but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) there. She \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at the library.
- g) The fireman \_\_\_\_\_ (rescue) a 75-year-old woman who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) trapped on the second floor of the burning building.
- h) \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) any shopping yesterday?
- i) Yesterday Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) and \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) herself when she \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) her bicycle.
- j) What \_\_\_\_\_ (Peter / do) when you \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on his door?
- k) Helen \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) her dress to the party last night.