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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.