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Grammar Simple Past – Past progressive

- 3 a) Find all **simple past** and **past progressive** forms in the dialogue. ... How do we use each tense? ...

Lizzy: Hi, Nick. Did you hear what happened to me on Washington Street last night?
 Nick: No. Tell me.
 Lizzy: I was on my way home when I saw three scary guys walking towards me. One guy tried to grab my bag as I started to run.
 Nick: Oh no! You got mugged?
 Lizzy: Well, almost. I ran as fast as I could. Unfortunately, they chased me down an alley.
 Nick: That's terrible! What did you do?
 Lizzy: I was screaming for help when suddenly I saw a dark shape come out of the shadows. It was someone dressed in a black ninja uniform.
 Nick: You are kidding, right?
 Lizzy: Nope.
 Nick: Go on, what happened next?
 Lizzy: Well, suddenly two more ninjas appeared and they all ran towards the muggers. The ninjas pinned them to the ground before they even realized what was happening. I called the police. They arrived in no time and arrested the muggers.
 Nick: I don't believe it! Where did the ninjas come from?
 Lizzy: The alley was next to a martial arts school. The students who saved me were rehearsing for a performance.
 Nick: Unbelievable! Talk about luck!

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- 3 b) Put the verbs in parentheses in the **simple past** or the **past progressive**. CHECK ...

- They ... (watch) TV when the lights went out.
- At 8 o'clock he ... (drive) to work.
- She ... (lock) the door and ... (walk) toward her car.
- Sally ... (call) an hour ago.
- Tony ... (eat) a sandwich while Mary ... (drink) a soda.
- Billy ... (talk) on the phone when the doorbell ... (ring).
- We ... (ride) on the bus when someone ... (pick) our pockets.
- Sue ... (have) long hair when she was 10.
- ... (you/go) to Sam's party last Saturday?
- I ... (set) the table and my mom ... (cook) dinner when dad ... (come) home.

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Everyday English Narrating events

- 4 Use the language in the table and the words below to make your own short dialogues, as in the example.

1 car accident/I drive home/hear someone crash into another car/driver talking on his cellphone/drive through traffic lights

2 burglary/woman reading a book when she hear noise from upstairs/woman call the police/hide in kitchen until police come/arrest burglar

3 mugging/woman/walk her dog/man attack her/woman shaking/but dog chase mugger and bite him

Introducing the topic	Showing interest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did you hear about ... ? Did you know that ... ? I saw .../I heard ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That's interesting. Did you/he/she, etc really? Oh no!/That's terrible! Gee, I had no idea./Really? Are you kidding?/I don't believe it!
	Encourage to continue
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What happened?/What did you/he/she do? Tell me more./Go on.

A: Did you hear about the car accident?

B: No – what happened?

A: I was driving home when I heard someone crash into another car.

B: Oh no! That's terrible. Tell me more.

A: He was talking on his cellphone and drove through a red light.

B: I don't believe it!