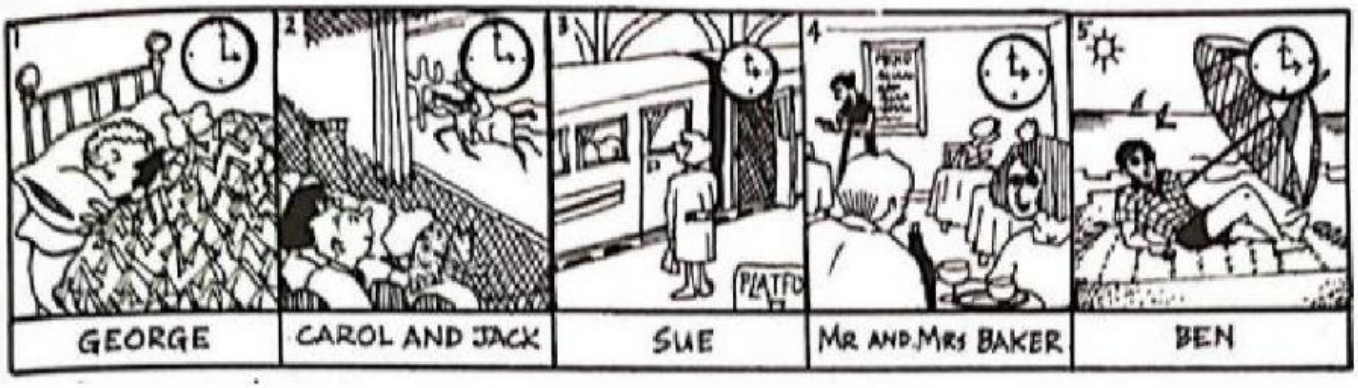
## The verb "to be"

1. **Look at the picture. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon?**




*a) George was in bed.*

b) Carol and Jack ..... .

c) Sue ..... .

d) ..... .

e) ..... .

f) And you? I ..... .

2. Put in **was / wasn't / were / weren't**

*a) We didn't like our hotel room. It ..**was**.. very small and it ..**wasn't**.. very clean.*

b) Kate got married when she ..... 24 years old.

c) I phoned you yesterday evening but you ..... at home. Where ..... you?

d) George ..... at work last week because he ..... ill. He's better now.

e) The shops ..... open yesterday because it ..... a public holiday.

f) '..... you at home at 9.30?' 'No, I ..... I ..... at work.'

3. **Write questions.**

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| 1 | I saw a film. | (good?) .....*Was it good*.....? |
| 2 | I met some people. | (friendly?) |
| 3 | I did an examination. | (difficult?) |
| 4 | I bought some boots. | (expensive?) |
| 5 | I went to a museum. | (interesting?) |

## Simple Past or Past Continuous?

1. **Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use the simple past or the past continuous.**

   Example:

   ( Jack / read / a book) ..... *Jack was reading a book* .....

   (the phone / ring) ..... *The phone rang.* .....

   ( he / answer / the phone) ..... *He answered the phone* .....

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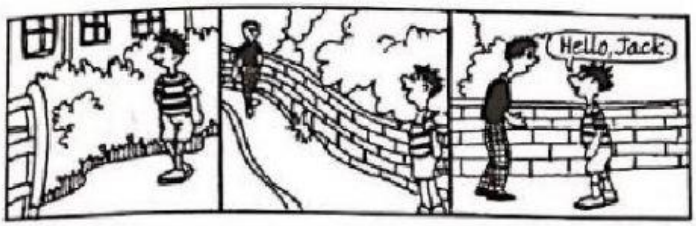
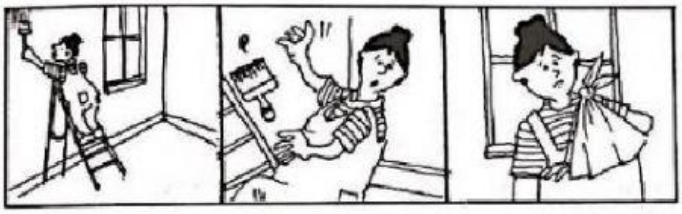
|  | (Tom / walk / down the street)<br>.....<br>(he / see / Jack)<br>.....<br>(he / say / hello)<br>..... |
| | (they / sit / in the garden)<br>.....<br>(it / start/ to rain)<br>.....<br>(they / go / into the house)<br>..... |
|  | (Carol / paint / the room)<br>.....<br>(she / fall / off the ladder)<br>.....<br>(she / break / her arm)<br>..... |

**2. Put the verb into the simple past or past continuous.**

a) When we (go) ....*went*.... out, it (rain) ....*was raining*.....

b) I wasn't hungry last night. I (not eat) ..... anything.

c) (you watch) ..... television when I (phone) .....

you?

d) Jane wasn't at home when I went to see her. She (work) .....

e) I (get) ..... up early this morning. I (wash) .....,

(dress) ..... and then I (have) ..... breakfast.

f) The postman (come) ..... while I (have) .....

breakfast.

g) We (meet) ..... Joan at the party. She (wear)

..... a red dress.

h) The boys (break) ..... a window when they (play)

..... football.

i) I was late but my friends (wait) ..... for me when I (arrive)

.....

j) I (get) ..... up at 7 o'clock. The sun (shine) .....,

so I (go) .....for a walk.

k) He (not drive) ..... fast when the accident (happen)

.....

l) Margaret (not go) ..... to work yesterday. She was ill.

m) "What (you do) ..... on Saturday evening?" "I went to the

cinema."

n) "What (you do) ..... at 9.30 on Saturday evening?" "I

(watch) ..... a film in the cinema."