

## **STORY:**

### **PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS**

We often use the **PAST SIMPLE** and the **PAST CONTINUOUS** in stories. They are usually combined with the words **when** or **while**. The **Past Continuous** is the action in progress that is interrupted by the main action in the **Simple Past**. The **Simple Past** shows an action or an event that happened in the middle of the longer action expressed by the **Past Continuous**.

Activity: complete the story using Past Simple or Past Continuous.

Mark is usually late for school on Mondays. Last Monday, he  
(1)\_\_\_\_\_ (get up) at 7:10 and his class started at 7:30! He  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV while he  
(3)\_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast and suddenly he  
(4)\_\_\_\_\_ (notice) that it was really very late.

He (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (get ready) for school when his phone  
(6)\_\_\_\_\_ (ring). It (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) his best friend telling him not to  
forget his football boots for the match after lunch. Outside the house, his mum  
(8)\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for him in their car. When he  
(9)\_\_\_\_\_ (get) into the car, he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (notice)  
that she (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) very angry.

Finally, he (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at school at 7.30  
and he (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (run) to his classroom. When his classmates  
(14)\_\_\_\_\_ (see) him, they (15) \_\_\_\_\_  
(start) to laugh. At that moment he realized he (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (wear) his  
slippers. That (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) really embarrassing!