

- a Complete the passage with the Past Simple or Past Progressive form of the verbs in brackets. Then put the different parts of the story in order.

1 a Last night, as I ¹ was lying (lie) in my bed and ² _____ (try) to sleep, many thoughts ³ _____ (run) across my mind and ⁴ _____ (keep) me awake. I ⁵ _____ (think) about the maths test on Wednesday morning and the English test on Friday.

b I ⁶ _____ (tell) them to be quiet, but they ⁷ _____ (not want) to listen. I ⁸ _____ (start) to cry. Then I ⁹ _____ (hear) someone come into my room. I ¹⁰ _____ (be) very scared.

c I ¹¹ _____ (open) my eyes and ¹² _____ (see) my mother. She ¹³ _____ (sit) on the edge of my bed and ¹⁴ _____ (hold) my hand. Then I realised I had been dreaming.

d Then, just as I ¹⁵ _____ (fall asleep) I ¹⁶ _____ (hear) loud noises outside. I ¹⁷ _____ (go) to the window and ¹⁸ _____ (see) a crowd of people standing on the sidewalk. They ¹⁹ _____ (speak) in loud voices and ²⁰ _____ (shake) their fingers at me. They ²¹ _____ (seem) very angry. They ²² _____ (tell) me to study harder and to stop worrying so much.



12b Answer the questions.

1. Why couldn't the writer sleep last night?

2. Were people really angry at him?

3. Who was trying to make him feel better?
