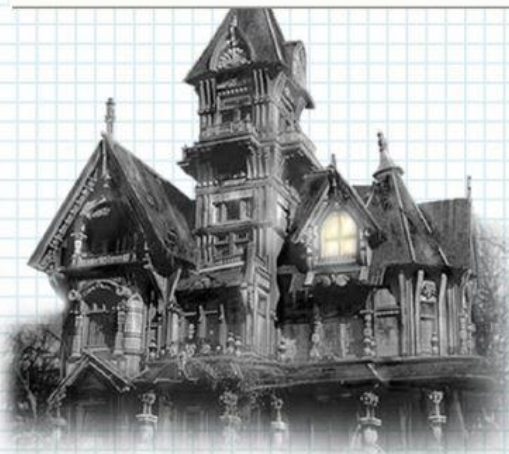


# Writing Skills

Complete this detective story using Past Simple and Past continuous verbs in the numbered gaps (1-27) and *while* or *when* in the lettered gaps (a-h). Follow the examples.



I <sup>1)</sup> was sleeping (sleep) deeply <sup>a)</sup> when the alarm clock <sup>2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ring). It <sup>3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only 6 a.m., so I <sup>4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go back) to sleep. <sup>b)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) again, it was 9.15. I <sup>6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) quickly out of bed.

The phone <sup>7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) <sup>c)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower. I <sup>9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (let) it ring. Eventually it <sup>10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stop). Then it rang again <sup>d)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a cup of coffee. <sup>e)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) it, a woman's voice <sup>13)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (say), "You've got to help me. Come to 12, Sutton Place as soon as you can. I'll pay you anything".

I <sup>14)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) into the car. <sup>f)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>15)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at Sutton Place, I <sup>16)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a feeling that somebody <sup>17)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) me. I <sup>18)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) out of the car and <sup>19)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) towards Number 12.

<sup>g)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>20)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the door, I <sup>21)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (can) hear voices in an upstairs room. But <sup>h)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I <sup>22)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) at the door, they <sup>23)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stop). The door <sup>24)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) open so I <sup>25)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go in. The door <sup>26)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (close) suddenly. Somebody <sup>27)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) behind me...