

## Exercise – Past Simple and Past Continuous

Replace the infinitives in brackets: by the past simple or the past continuous tense.

### story 1:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at a table writing stories, in a tent near the beach at Buna. Outside, it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain), the trees \_\_\_\_\_ (move) like on a stormy night. The dogs \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) loudly, when suddenly, I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a loud thunder near the beach. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a little scared but I \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) writing stories. I think the weather just \_\_\_\_\_ (inspired) me writing exciting stories.

### story 2:

She \_\_\_\_\_ (run) down the steps and \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) across the yard rapidly. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) the corner of the house, Ring \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up and \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) her to the road. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (run) she could not stop looking back at the house, where the woman \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) them through the crack in the door.

### story 3:

He \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) his head and \_\_\_\_\_ (look) back the road behind them, but there was nothing there. Then he \_\_\_\_\_ (look) down at the ground he \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) on, counting the steps he \_\_\_\_\_ (take) with his right foot, and then his left.

### story 4:

5) Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) a good time when Jim Baxter \_\_\_\_\_ (come) running through the back door from the barber-shop on the corner. Jim was Tom's partner and he \_\_\_\_\_ (come) in sometimes on busy days to help out. He was a big man, even bigger than Tom. He \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a big wide black hat and a blue shirt. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a large belly. They \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ (work) until they \_\_\_\_\_ (look) very tired.