

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.