

past simple and past continuous

1 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **found** / **was finding** some money while I **walked** / **was walking** through the park.
- 2 Jack **got** / **was getting** home and **saw** / **was seeing** that there was a letter for him.
- 3 While we **swam** / **were swimming** in the sea, someone **stole** / **was stealing** our clothes!
- 4 Everyone in the crowd **started** / **was starting** singing when he **scored** / **was scoring** his third goal!
- 5 I **fell** / **was falling** when I **ran** / **was running** for the bus.
- 6 Lisa **told** / **was telling** her mum all about it when she **arrived** / **was arriving** home.
- 7 My brother **became** / **was becoming** ill while we **camped** / **were camping** last year.
- 8 We **decided** / **were deciding** to play tennis because the sun **shone** / **was shining**.



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3.1 Complete the news stories with the correct verb forms. Listen and check.

CRAZY NEWS!

Girl catches tennis ball in drink

At three o'clock last Saturday afternoon, 15-year-old Amy Jones ¹..... (watch) a game of tennis at Wimbledon when something funny happened. One of the players suddenly ²..... (hit) the ball badly, and it ³..... (fly) straight towards Amy. At that moment, Amy ⁴..... (drink) a cup of orange juice. Without thinking, she ⁵..... (hold) up her cup of orange juice and ⁶..... (catch) the ball in it! Everyone in the crowd ⁷..... (think) it was very funny!



Man survives bear attack and shark bite in same year

Glen Turner must be the luckiest (or unluckiest) man alive. Six months ago a bear ⁸..... (attack) him while he ⁹..... (walk) in the mountains in Colorado, USA. Glen ¹⁰..... (fight) the bear, which finally ¹¹..... (run) off, leaving him with just a few cuts. Then yesterday, Glen ¹²..... (swim) in the sea off Florida. He ¹³..... (not see) that a shark – one of the most dangerous animals in the sea – ¹⁴..... (follow) him. The shark ¹⁵..... (bite) Glen's leg, but he ¹⁶..... (manage) to swim safely back to the beach. He's fine now and hoping for a quiet few months!

