

## Simple past and past progressive

### 1 Choose the correct words.

- I saw the accident while I **walked/was walking** to school this morning.
- A bus was coming down the road when a cat **ran/was running** in front of it.
- The driver **saw/was seeing** the cat and tried to avoid it.
- While the driver **tried/was trying** to avoid the cat, he drove into a tree.
- Some birds **sat/were sitting** in the tree and they suddenly flew away.
- The driver **couldn't move/could moving** the bus, so I called the emergency services.

### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the simple past or the past progressive.

- Someone went into their room while they were sleeping. (go/sleep)
- While Ali \_\_\_\_\_, she \_\_\_\_\_ her arm. (snowboard/break)
- \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_ home? (you work/get)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ at our desks when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ in. (not sit/come)
- Dad \_\_\_\_\_ a photo of us while we \_\_\_\_\_. (take/windsurf)
- They \_\_\_\_\_ a picnic when it \_\_\_\_\_ to rain. (have/start)

### 3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use the simple past or the past progressive.

do go not know sit try watch

1 I was doing my homework at nine o'clock last night. I had to write a blog, but I  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ what to write about. Then, while I  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ in front of my computer, I heard a noise outside. I 4 \_\_\_\_\_ outside and I saw three men who 5 \_\_\_\_\_ to open our garage door. I 6 \_\_\_\_\_ them for a few seconds and then I called the police!

## when and while

### 4 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- I was surprised when I heard the news.
- They saw a whale \_\_\_\_\_ they were sailing.
- We stayed in the café \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining.
- Jane was running toward me \_\_\_\_\_ she suddenly stopped.
- I felt bored \_\_\_\_\_ I was listening to the presentation.
- I was taking a photo of the bird \_\_\_\_\_ it flew away.

## Subject and object questions

### 5 Are these questions subject or object questions? Write *subject* or *object*.

- Where did you go on vacation? object
- What did you do on the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_
- What happened in the last scene of the movie? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who ate all the cookies? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did he leave college? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who told you about this new café? \_\_\_\_\_

### 6 Match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

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|---|----------|
| 1 Who married Prince Harry?   | <u>e</u> |
| 2 Who did Prince Harry marry?                                       | _____    |
| 3 Who called you?   | _____    |
| 4 Who did you call?   | _____    |
| 5 Who wrote <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> ?          | _____    |
| 6 What did J.K. Rowling write?                                      | _____    |
| a J.K. Rowling wrote <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> . |          |
| b He married Meghan Markle.   |          |
| c I called my friend.   |          |
| d She wrote books.  |          |
| e Meghan Markle married Prince Harry.                               |          |
| f My friend called me.  |          |