

SIMPLE PAST AND PAST PROGRESSIVE

Complete the sentences with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- It started (start) to rain while we were having (have) a picnic.
- a I _____ (not answer) the phone because I _____ (have) my dinner.
- b _____ (you / see) anything strange while you _____ (walk) by the river?
- c I _____ (woke) you up because you _____ (talk) in your sleep.
- d What _____ (Katrin / wear) when you _____ (see) her yesterday?
- e She _____ (not hear) the bell because she _____ (listen) to very loud music.
- f While she _____ (write) an email, the computer _____ (stop) working.

Write sentences using the past progressive or simple past form of the verbs.

While / I get / a glass of water / the cat / eat / my lunch
While I was getting a glass of water, the cat ate my lunch.

- a My pet hamster / hide / in my suitcase / while / I pack / it

- b He crash / into another car / because / he talk / on his cell phone

- c Who drive / when / they have / the accident ?

- d Where you sit / when / you see / the spaceship ?

- e We dance / at a party / when / we hear / a terrible crash

Complete the text with the past progressive or simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Andrew Philips was surfing (surf) with a friend in California when a shark a _____ (attack) him. 'I b _____ (lie) on my surfboard, because I was tired, when suddenly a huge black shape c _____ (appear) in the water,' Andrew said. Andrew d _____ (shout) to his friend, Tom, but Tom e _____ (not understand). So Andrew f _____ (start) to swim very fast. 'I g _____ (try) not to think about the danger while I h _____ (swim),' he told newspaper reporters. The shark i _____ (bite) Andrew's arm twice. 'It j _____ (not hurt) very much, but there was a lot of blood and I was very frightened. Then, suddenly, six or seven dolphins k _____ (swim) towards me. They l _____ (make) a circle around me and m _____ (stop) the shark from getting near me. While I n _____ (swim) towards the shore, the dolphins o _____ (keep) me safe.' Andrew p _____ (get) very weak and tired when, luckily, Neil Turner, of the coast guard, q _____ (see) him. 'I r _____ (get) into my boat immediately and s _____ (go) to help him,' Neil said. 'The water around Andrew was very red because he t _____ (still lose) a lot of blood. I u _____ (lift) him out of the water immediately and v _____ (take) him back to the shore. When the boat w _____ (arrive) at the shore, a medical team x _____ (already wait) for Andrew. They y _____ (give) him first aid and z _____ (drive) him to hospital.'

