



A) Choose the correct tense in each of the following sentences:

1. Mary *prepared /was preparing* lunch when they *came/was coming*.
2. Tom was very unlucky. It *rained/was raining* every day during his holidays.
3. Who was that girl you *talked/were talking* to when I *walked/was walking* in.
4. Last weekend Hollie *fell/was falling* and *broke/was breaking* her arm.
5. When I *walked/was walking* into the café, Mark *had/was having* lunch with Tom.
6. We *drove/were driving* to Paris in Chloe's new car.
7. It *rained/was raining* heavily when I *got up/was getting up* this morning.
8. Jane finally *told/was telling* us all the *thruth* about Peter.

B) Read these sentences and fill in the gaps using the Past Simple or the Past Continuous as needed:

1. As Martin _____ (walk) up Oxford St.
He _____ (meet) an old schoolmate.
2. When _____ (father/arrive) yesterday?
3. Who _____ (you/speak) to on the phone when I _____ (come) in?

4. Meg _____ (read) in bed when
she _____ (hear) a strange noise
downstairs.

5. When I _____ (leave) home this
morning the sun _____ (shine)

6. Sam _____ (arrive) at Jane's
house a little before 10 a.m., but
she _____ (not be) there.
She _____ (study) at the library.

7. The fireman _____ (rescue) a 78-
year-old woman who _____ (be)
trapped on the sixth floor of the burning building.

8. _____ (you/do) any
shopping yesterday?

9. What _____ (Peter/do) when
you _____ (knock) on his door?

10. Liza _____ (wear)
her black dress to the party last weekend.