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Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

A The sun **1)** ...*was shining*... (shine) and the birds **2)** (sing) as Mike **3)** (drive) down the country lane. He **4)** (smile), because he **5)** (look forward) to the journey ahead. Mike **6)** (enjoy) driving, especially when he **7)** (go) somewhere new. Then, suddenly, the engine **8)** (begin) to make a strange noise and the car **9)** (stop) dead in the middle of the road. Mike **10)** (try) to start it, but nothing **11)** (happen). He **12)** (sigh), then **13)** (get out) of the car. As he **14)** (push) the car to the side of the road, Mike **15)** (start) to wish he had stayed at home.