

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 While Tina *rode* a bike / *was riding* a bike to work, she *was dropping* / *dropped* her purse.
- 2 When I closed the door, I *was realizing* / *realized* that I *left* / *had left* my keys inside the house.
- 3 We *watched* / *were watching* a movie when we *were hearing* / *heard* a strange noise outside.
- 4 When John *had gotten* / *got* home, we told him what *had happened* / *was happening* earlier that afternoon.
- 5 When they *were arriving* / *arrived*, the concert *already began* / *had already begun*.
- 6 It was a hot summer's day. We *sat* / *were sitting* in the garden, and the sun *was shining* / *shone*.
- 7 When the movie *was ending* / *ended*, the children *went* / *were going* straight to bed.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct past tense of the verbs in parentheses.



- 1 I _____ (take) my umbrella with me because I _____ (see) the weather forecast earlier.
- 2 She _____ (read) the whole book while she _____ (wait) for me.
- 3 While Maria _____ (make) dinner, David _____ (take out) the garbage.
- 4 I _____ (call) the police right away when I _____ (saw) the broken window.
- 5 She _____ (start) laughing when she _____ (see) his new hat.
- 6 I _____ (not want) to see that movie because I _____ (see) it twice before.
- 7 Anna _____ (live) in San Francisco when she _____ (finish) her first novel.

3 Complete the text with the correct past tense of the verbs in the box.

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Last Friday, I went to the supermarket to buy a cake for a friend's party. It was really busy as people ¹_____ food for the weekend. While I ²_____ back to my car, my phone ³_____. I ⁴_____ the cake on the roof of my car and ⁵_____ the phone. After the call, I ⁶_____ to the party, but I didn't realize that I ⁷_____ the cake on my car! Luckily, it was still there when I ⁸_____!

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