

TEXT 1 (SIMPLE PAST, PAST CONTINUOUS)

One day last summer I (walk) through the local park. It (be) a hot day and I (eat) an ice cream. While I (walk) past the boating lake, I (see) my friends, Carol and Jim. They (take) their dog for a walk.

When we (meet), we (stop) for a chat. While we (talk), the dog suddenly (jump) up and (try) to get my ice cream. I pulled my hand away and unfortunately the ice cream (come) out of the cone. There was a bald man behind me. The poor man (not do) any harm, he was just sitting on a bench and reading a newspaper. When I (pull) my hand away, the ice cream flew through the air and it landed on the man's head. I (not know) what to do: laugh or cry? When I looked at my friends, they (laugh) hysterically. But I was terribly embarrassed!!

TEXT 2 (SIMPLE PAST, PAST CONTINUOUS, PAST PERFECT) _____

Until a few years ago, no one (hear) of Harry Potter, the young wizard and hero of the children's book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The writer, J K Rowling, (already / write) several stories and books, but this was the first book that was published. She (get) the idea for the story of a wizard at magic school while she (travel) on a train to London. By the time the train (reach) King's Cross station, she (invent) most of the characters. When the book was published in 1997, no one (imagine) it would be such a tremendous success, but it quickly (become) a bestseller. While millions of young readers in many countries (enjoy) her first Harry Potter book, J K Rowling (think) of ideas for the next book in this incredibly popular series.