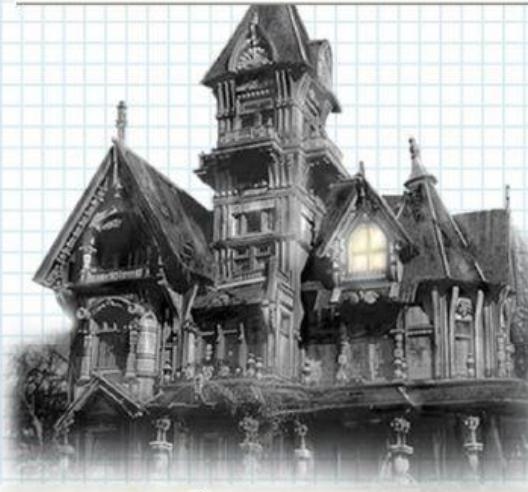


Writing Skills

Complete this detective story using Past Simple and Past continuous verbs in the numbered gaps (1-27) and *while* or *when* in the lettered gaps (a-h). Follow the examples.



I 1) was sleeping (sleep) deeply a) when the alarm CLOCK 2) _____ (ring). It 3) _____ (be) only 6 a.m., so I 4) _____ (go back) to sleep. b) _____ I 5) _____ (wake up) again, it was 9.15. I 6) _____ (jump) quickly out of bed.

The phone 7) _____ (ring) c) _____ I 8) _____ (have) a shower. I 9) _____ (let) it ring. Eventually it 10) _____ (stop). Then it rang again d) _____ I 11) _____ (make) a cup of coffee. e) _____ I 12) _____ (answer) it, a woman's voice 13) _____ (say), "You've got to help me. Come to 12, Sutton Place as soon as you can. I'll pay you anything".

I 14) _____ (jump) into the car. f) _____ I 15) _____ (arrive) at Sutton Place, I 16) _____ (have) a feeling that somebody 17) _____ (watch) me. I 18) _____ (get) out of the car and 19) _____ (go) towards Number 12.

g) _____ I 20) _____ (walk) to the door, I 21) _____ (can) hear voices in an upstairs room. But h) _____ I 22) _____ (knock) at the door, they 23) _____ (stop). The door 24) _____ (be) open so I 25) _____ (decide) to go in. The door 26) _____ (close) suddenly. Somebody 27) _____ (stand) behind me...