

PAST TENSES

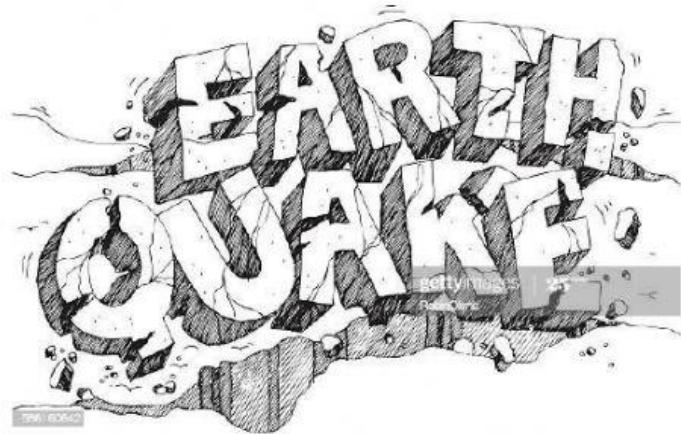
(PET L15 Spooky Stories Banshee)

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous. Which was the longer action in each sentence?

1. My family and I _____ (sleep) when our house _____ (start) shaking.

2. While the ground _____ (shake), several things _____ (fall) off our kitchen cabinets and bookshelves.

3. My bed _____ (move) from side to side when the earthquake suddenly _____ (stop).



4 Just as we _____ (try) to recover from the shock, there _____ (be) an aftershock.

5 As we _____ (run) for the door, a lamp _____ (crash) on the floor.

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

It was evening and I 1)_____ (watch) television with my parents. The TV news 2)_____ (give) constant flood warnings as Hurricane Floyd 3)_____ (approach). We were worried but we 4)_____ (decide) to stay in our house. Later that night, at 3 am, a policeman 5)_____ (knock) on our door and told us that the water levels 6)_____ (rise). He also 7)_____ (tell) us that we should move our valuables to safety. I barely 8)_____ (sleep) that night I was so frightened.



In the morning I 9)_____ (look) out of the window. It was a beautiful day and the sun 10)_____ (shine). People 11)_____ (walk) by my house up to their knees in water. I 12)_____ (go) downstairs to the kitchen and it was flooded and damaged. We 13)_____ (pack) a few things and 14)_____ (leave). As we 15)_____ (drive) to a shelter, I 16)_____ (look) back at our house and 17)_____ (cry). All of my things were there.