1. Complete the sentences with either the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

1 Sorry I _____ (not answer) the phone this morning, but I _____ (sleep).
2 The postman _____ (deliver) a letter when a cat _____ (attack) him.
3 _____ (you / drive) too quickly when the accident _____ (happen)?
4 Sandra _____ (not watch) her bag and someone _____ (steal) it.
5 _____ (you / visit) Jane and Keith when you _____ (go) to Wales last month?
6 When you _____ (see) Clare at the party, what _____ (she / wear)?

2. Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into the past simple or continuous.

Londoner Terry Carlisle is one of the unluckiest men alive. Three years ago, a car [1]_____ (hit) him when he [2]_____ (cross) the road and he [3]_____ (break) both his legs. A year later, he [4]_____ (climb) a ladder to clean his windows when he [5]_____ (fall) off and [6]_____ (injure) his back very badly. A short time after that, a dog [7]_____ (attack) him while he [8]_____ (run) through a park, but fortunately he [9]_____ (not need) to go to hospital. Last year, he [10]_____ (go) to Austria on holiday with his wife. Although they [11]_____ (not feel) very confident about skiing, they [12]_____ (decide) to give it a go. What [13]_____ (happen)? They [14]_____ (crash) into each other as they [15]_____ (come) down the slope on the first day and [16]_____ (spend) the rest of their holiday in hospital.

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