

## I was doing and I did (Past Continuous and Simple Past)



Eric was reading a book.



The phone rang.



He stopped reading.



He answered the phone.

### A Use the Past Simple and the Past Continuous to make sentences from the words in brackets ( ).

► (The police/arrive/while/I/have/breakfast)

I was having breakfast when the police arrived.

1 (The storm/start/while/they/drive/home)

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2 (I/see/an accident/while/I/wait/for the bus)

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► (I/have/breakfast/when/the police/arrive)

I was having breakfast when the police arrived.

4 (My father/cook/the dinner/when/he/burn/his fingers)

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5 (The soldiers/prepare/to leave/when/the bomb/explode)

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### C A policewoman is interviewing Mary Croft about last Friday evening.

Look at the pictures and complete the conversation. Use the Past Simple or the Past Continuous of the words in brackets ( ).



Policewoman: What time (►) did you get ..... (you/get) home from work?

Mary: At about six o'clock.

Policewoman: And what (1) ..... (you/do) after you got home?

Mary: I read the newspaper.

Policewoman: Did anything happen while (2) ..... (read) the paper?

Mary: Yes, the phone (3) ..... (ring).

Policewoman: What (4) ..... (you/do) when your husband came home?

Mary: I was watching TV, and I (5) ..... (drink) a cup of coffee.

Policewoman: Did you and your husband stay at home?

Mary: No, I (6) ..... (drink) my coffee. Then I put on my raincoat, and we (7) ..... (go) out at seven o'clock.

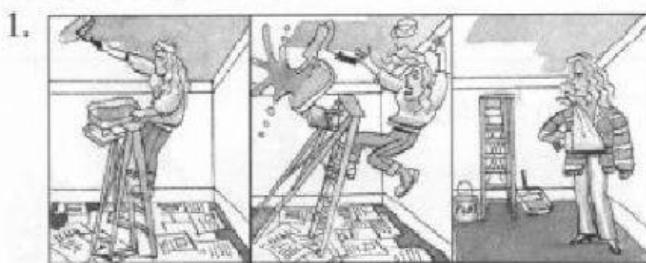
Policewoman: Why (8) ..... (you/put) your raincoat on?

Mary: Because it (9) ..... (rain), of course.

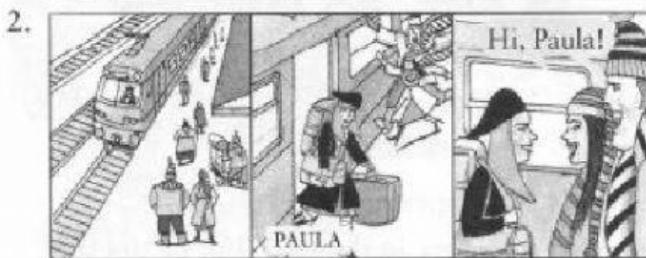
#### 14.2 Put the verb in the past continuous or simple past.

- A: What were you doing (you / do) when the phone rang (ring)?  
B: I was watching (watch) television.
- A: Was Tracy busy when you went to see her?  
B: Yes, she was (study).
- A: What time did you get (the mail / come) this morning?  
B: It came (come) while I was having (have) breakfast.
- A: Was Megan at work today?  
B: No, she wasn't (not / go) to work. She was sick.
- A: How fast were you driving (you / drive) when the police stopped you?  
B: I don't know exactly, but I was driving (not / drive) very fast.
- A: Did your team win (your team / win) the baseball game yesterday?  
B: No, the weather was very bad, so we didn't play (not / play).
- A: How did you break (you / break) the window?  
B: We were playing (play) baseball. I hit (hit) the ball, and it broke (break) the window.
- A: Did you see (you / see) Judy last night?  
B: Yes, she was wearing (wear) a long dress.
- A: What were you doing (you / do) at 2 o'clock this morning?  
B: I was asleep.
- A: I lost (lose) my key last night.  
B: How did you get (you / get) into your apartment?  
A: I climbed (climb) in through a window.

#### 14.1 Look at the pictures. Put the verbs in the past continuous or simple past.



Linda broke (break) her arm last week. It happened (happen) when she was painting (paint) her room. She fell (fall) off the ladder.



The train arrived (arrive) at the station, and Paula got (get) off. Two friends of hers, John and Jenny, were waiting (wait) to meet her.



Yesterday Sue walked (walk) down the street when she met (meet) Jim. He walked (go) home, and he was carrying (carry) a bag. They stopped (stop) to talk for a few minutes.