# PRETERIT SIMPLE / PRETERIT BE + V + ING

**1 Click the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.**

a) Mary **prepared / was preparing** lunch when they **came / was coming.**

b) Tom was very unlucky. He **lost / was losing** his keys yesterday.

c) Who was that nice girl you **talked / were talking** to when I **walked / was walking** by the pub?

d) Last weekend Susan **fell / was falling** and **broke/ was breaking** her leg.

e) When I **entered / was entering** the cafeteria Mary **had / was having** lunch with Peter.

f) We **drove/ were driving** to Berlin in Robert´s new car.

g) The sun **shone / was shining** brightly when **I got up / was getting up** this morning.

h) Ann finally **told / was telling** us the whole story about Peter.

**2 Read the following sentences and put the verbs in brackets in either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous (BE + V+ING). Put any other words in brackets in the correct place.**

*** (As = alors que, comme...) / (while = pendant que)**

a) As Sophie _____ (walk) up Oxford Street she _____(meet) an old friend from college.

b) - When _____ (father/arrive) yesterday?

- He _____ (arrive) late. The train _____ (be) delayed due to an accident.

c) Who _____ (you/ speak) to on the phone when I _____(come)in?

d) Mary _____ (read) in bed when she _____ (hear) a strange noise downstairs.

e) When Mr. Lawrence _____(leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun _____(shine) brightly. However, at 10 o´clock when he _____ (come back) it _____(rain) heavily.

f) Sebastian _____(arrive) at Susan´s house a little before 11 a.m., but she _____(not/be) there. She _____(study) at the library.

g) While the fireman _____(help) a 75-year-old woman in her burning house, the journalists _____ (take) photos.

h) Yesterday Jane _____(ride) her bicycle when suddenly, she _____(fall) and _____(hurt) herself.

i) What _____(Peter / do) when you _____(knock) on his door?

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