

1 Complete the sentences with the Simple Past form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 The journey began (begin) in July 2010.
- 2 He _____ (leave) his small town to look for adventure.
- 3 We _____ (arrive) at the camp late at night.
- 4 I _____ (walk) 500 miles in three weeks.
- 5 She _____ (meet) her companion in Peru.
- 6 She _____ (take) a shower before she went to bed.
- 7 We _____ (decide) to take guides on the trip.
- 8 They _____ (want) to meet a local tribe.

2 Complete the sentences with the Simple Past or Past Continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 The professor was talking (talk) to his companion when he _____ (see) a snake on the path.
- 2 One day I _____ (lie) in my hammock when a plane _____ (fly) overhead.
- 3 Christopher _____ (not go) into the forest because he _____ (be) afraid of the monkeys.
- 4 She _____ (have) an argument with her husband when they _____ (hear) an explosion.
- 5 Thieves _____ (steal) my luggage while I _____ (wait) at the airport.

3 Choose the correct options.

A thief (1) stole / *was stealing* a \$200,000 Pablo Picasso drawing from a San Francisco gallery yesterday. Then he (2) *left* / *was leaving* the gallery. He (3) *got* / *was getting* into a taxi. The man, who (4) *was* / *was being* tall and thin and (5) *had* / *was having* sunglasses on, (6) *took* / *was taking* the drawing without anyone noticing, the *San Francisco Chronicle* (7) *reported* / *was reporting*.

It was the weekend, and there were lots of people in the gallery.

Some (8) *looked* / *were looking* at the paintings, and some (9) *talked* / *were talking* on their phones. But can it really be true that nobody (10) *looked* / *was looking* when the thief (11) *took* / *was taking* the picture? It seems incredible, but the cameras in the gallery (12) *recorded* / *were recording* all day, and (13) *didn't show* / *were not showing* a thing!

4. Choose the correct options.

- 1 They speak Russian *perfect* / perfectly.
- 2 The mosquito bit me *bad* / *badly* on the hand.
- 3 Please talk *clearly* / *clear*. I can't understand what you're saying.
- 4 News of the robbery spread *fastly* / *fast*.
- 5 I stayed up until 2:00 a.m. yesterday and then got up very *late* / *lately* this morning.
- 6 She fell off her bike and hit the ground *hardly* / *hard*.
- 7 He *completely* / *complete* lost his temper with the airport officials.
- 8 I'd appreciate it if you could answer all the questions *honestly* / *honest*.
- 9 The football team played *good* / *well* even though two players were injured.
- 10 We asked the guide to walk more *slow* / *slowly*.

5. Write the preposition (in, on, at, -). Some sentences don't need a preposition.

- 1 I left the house at six o'clock.
- 2 We often go the movies ___ the weekend.
- 3 Did we visit New York ___ 1997 or 1998?
- 4 What were we doing ___ two days ago?
- 5 My birthday is ___ September.
- 6 I like to watch TV ___ the evening.

6. Reading. Read the text and decide if the statements are true or false.

A Rainy Day Adventure

Sarah was walking home from school when it started to rain heavily. She hurriedly pulled up her hood and tried to shield herself from the downpour. As she walked, she noticed a little kitten crouching under a tree, wet and shivering. Sarah couldn't bear to leave it there in the rain, so she picked it up gently and wrapped it in her jacket.

While Sarah continued her walk, she saw a sign for a nearby animal shelter. Determined to find a safe place for the kitten, she decided to head there. As she walked, the rain poured relentlessly, making the streets slippery and the journey challenging.

With the kitten still in her arms, Sarah finally reached the shelter. She was relieved to find the door open and rushed inside. The staff welcomed her warmly and provided a cozy bed and some food for the little kitten.

While the shelter staff attended to the kitten, Sarah looked around and saw other animals waiting to be adopted. Dogs wagged their tails, and cats purred in their cages. It made her heart ache, knowing that they all needed a loving home.

Filled with compassion, Sarah decided to volunteer at the shelter. She spent weekends helping with cleaning, feeding, and playing with the animals. It became her favorite pastime.

1. Sarah was walking to school when it started to rain.
2. The kitten was hiding under a tree when Sarah found it.
3. Sarah left the kitten in the rain and continued walking.
4. Sarah saw a sign for a nearby school.
5. The streets were dry and easy to walk on during the rain.
6. Sarah found a closed animal shelter on her way.
7. The shelter staff didn't provide any help or support to Sarah and the kitten.
8. Sarah decided to adopt the kitten herself.
9. There were only dogs waiting to be adopted at the shelter.
10. Sarah started volunteering at the shelter to help the animals.