

WEEK 5 – UNIT 2 – HOMEWORK

PAST CONTINUOUS

Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs given.

- 1 I (try) to find the novel by Agatha Christie on my bookcase.
- 2 I (not work) by myself to collect the evidence – I was part of a team.
- 3 Someone (shout) at the shoplifter, 'Tell the truth!'
- 4 The police (question) the suspects at 5 pm yesterday.
- 5 What you (look) for in my bedroom?

4 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 When the inspector arrived/was arriving on the crime scene, the police were collecting the evidence.
- 2 They investigated/were investigating the case when the robbers turned up at the police station.
- 3 The woman shoplifted clothes worth £1,000 while nobody looked/was looking.
- 4 There was no answer because everybody tried/was trying to call the emergency telephone number at the same time.
- 5 I left the sweets in the sun for a day and they melted/were melting!

5 Circle the correct alternative.

One of Agatha Christie's most famous novels is *Murder on the Orient Express*. Private detective Hercule Poirot, (a) travelled/was travelling from Istanbul to London on a luxurious train called the Orient Express when he (b) came across/was coming across an American businessman called Mr Ratchett. Ratchett (c) believed/was believing that his life was in danger but Poirot (d) didn't help/wasn't helping him. On the second night of the journey, Poirot (e) slept/was sleeping in his bed when he (f) was hearing/heard a cry from Ratchett's compartment. The next morning, the train staff (g) were finding/found Mr Ratchett was dead. Poirot (h) analysed/was analysing the evidence and discovered that Ratchett had killed someone in the US and that all the people in the coach had a connection to that person's family. So, who (i) was killing/killed Ratchett?