Correct these sentences.

a I ~~was understanding~~ the question. I understood the question.
b She were cooking dinner for her family. .....
c He was remembering his homework yesterday. .....
d They was listened to the radio. .....
e I did my homework when the phone rang. .....
f You were speak too loudly. .....
g We did watching TV last night. .....

Underline the correct form.

a Dave *arrived* / *was arriving* at Sue's house at 19.30, but she wasn't there. She *did* / *was doing* some shopping at the supermarket.
b At this time last week, we *lay* / *were lying* on a beach in the sun.
c A: I *phoned* / *was phoning* you yesterday after school. Where were you?
B: Oh. My mobile was off because I *rehearsed* / *was rehearsing* for the concert on Saturday.
d When I *walked* / *was walking* into the class, the teacher *talk* / *was talking* about the new course.
e A: What *did you do* / *were you doing* when the alarm went off?
B: I *did* / *was doing* an experiment in the science laboratory.
f I *watched* / *was watching* the episode on TV when the electricity went off. Can you tell me what *happened* / *was happening*?
g Derek *told me* / *was telling me* about the match, but I *did* / *was doing* something on the computer at the time so I can't tell you what he *said* / *was saying*.
h What a coincidence! When you *called* / *were calling* I *thought* / *was thinking* about you.
i The Titanic *crossed* / *was crossing* the Atlantic when it *hit* / *was hitting* an iceberg.
j My uncle *lived* / *was living* in Berlin for ten years. In fact he *lived* / *was living* there in 1999 when the Berlin wall came down.

Put the verb in brackets into the past simple or past continuous.

William Tell

This is the legend of William Tell, the national hero of Switzerland. There was a very cruel ruler, Hermann Gessler. One day his soldiers arrested William Tell and his son. Gessler a (know) knew that Tell was an expert with a crossbow. He took Tell's son and put an apple on his head. He b (order) ..... Tell to shoot the apple.

Tell took two arrows and c (put) ..... one in his crossbow. He aimed carefully and hit the apple without touching the boy. While the people d (cheer) ..... Gessler asked Tell about the second arrow. Tell said, "It's for you."

Gessler was very angry and decided to take Tell to his castle on the other side of Lake Lucerne. While they e (cross) ..... the lake a storm started and Tell was able to escape. Later, when Gessler and his soldiers arrived at the castle, Tell f (wait) ..... for them there. As they g (walk) ..... along the path to the castle, Tell h (jump) ..... out. With his crossbow and the second arrow, Tell i (kill) ..... Gessler. Tell's example encouraged his people to fight for their freedom.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the dialogue with the present simple, past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

A: Excuse me, we're doing a survey about time use. Have you got time to answer some questions?
B: Yes, but not too long.
A: No, don't worry, just a couple of minutes. I want to ask you about your activities yesterday. For example, at eight in the morning were you a (sleep) Sleeping or were you awake?
B: I was up. At eight o'clock I b (have) _____ my breakfast.
A: Do you c (have) _____ breakfast at the same time every day?
B: Yes, I usually get up at half past seven.
A: Okay, mid morning, at eleven, d (work) _____ ?
B: No, I e (study) _____ . I'm still at school. I f (do) _____ an experiment in the science lab.
A: At one o'clock, g (have) _____ lunch?
B: Yes. We have an hour and a half for lunch and then classes again in the afternoon.
A: Were you at school at five o'clock?
B: No, I h (walk) _____ home.
A: And at eight o'clock?
B: I i (do) _____ my homework. After that I watched TV for a bit and then I j (go) _____ to bed.
A: So at midnight ...
B: ... I was asleep.
A: Thanks very much.
B: You're welcome.

Translate into English

1. О п'ятій годині вчора я сидів з друзями на пляжі.

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2. Ми бачили Дейва біля кінотеатру, коли він купував квитки.

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3. Він подорожував світом, коли раптово зник.

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4. У той час, коли він здавав екзамен, погода була жахливою.

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5. Що ти дивився по телевізору, коли я тобі зателефонував?

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