

## UNIT 4 PRACTICE

### A Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a documentary when I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a noise coming from the kitchen.
2. As Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home, he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an accident.
3. Sandra \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) while her husband \_\_\_\_\_ (read) his newspaper.
4. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (jog) in the park, my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (play) with his son.
5. Jason \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to buy a leather jacket but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) enough money with him.
6. When Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the office, the others \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a meeting.
7. While Sean \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on his laptop, his brother \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) his bicycle.
8. Last night Ben \_\_\_\_\_ (call) John, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/answer) the phone because he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) out in the garden.

### B Expand the notes into sentences using the words given and the Past Simple or the Past Progressive.

1. Terry / phone / cousin / get / home when  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Rita / hear / bad / news / she / start / crying when  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Kevin / talk / on / mobile / his brother / play / computer games while  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. I / walk / down / street / I / meet / old friend as  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. We / have / dinner / Donald / drop by when  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**C Complete the text with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.**



Last Saturday we (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to eat out at a new Chinese restaurant, that (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (open) in our neighbourhood. While my parents and I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) our exotic meal, my two younger brothers (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (begin) to complain about the food. They (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (not/like) it at all, so they soon (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (get) bored. While we (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (eat), they (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to chase each other around the restaurant. As they (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (run) in between the tables, they (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (push) a waiter who (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) on one of the tables. Unfortunately, the waiter (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a bottle of coke, which (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (fly) into the air and (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (land) on an old lady. We (15)\_\_\_\_\_ (not/can) believe what (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (happen). The old lady's husband (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (shout) at my brothers while she (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (complain) that her dress was ruined. It (19)\_\_\_\_\_ (take) my father half an hour to calm them down! What a mess!

**D Choose the correct answer, a, b, c or d.**

1. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ when the postman rang his doorbell.  
a. slept                      c. sleeps  
b. is sleeping              d. was sleeping
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary got to school, she went straight to her classroom.  
a. As                      c. As soon  
b. When                  d. While
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you know what time it is?  
a. Are                      c. Were  
b. Did                      d. Do
4. When I \_\_\_\_\_ Ken at the railway station yesterday, he was talking to his cousin, Al.  
a. see                      c. saw  
b. was seeing              d. 'm seeing
5. When we were children, my brother \_\_\_\_\_ me what to do and I hated it.  
a. has always told          c. was always telling  
b. is always telling          d. always tells
6. Ron \_\_\_\_\_ his first car in 2008.  
a. bought                  c. buys  
b. was buying              d. is buying
7. I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to my brother last night, because when I got home, he was sleeping.  
a. spoke                      c. spoken  
b. speaking                  d. speak
8. I met Carl last year, while we \_\_\_\_\_ abroad.  
a. study                      c. were studying  
b. studied                      d. are studying