THE MYSTERIOUS NOISE

COMPLETE THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS (PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS).

It was a cold and rainy Saturday night. The wind (blow) hard
and the rain (fall) on the windows. Emma (sit) on the
sofa and (read) a book while her cat (sleep) next to
her. The clock (show) nine o'clock when she (hear) a
strange noise from the basement.
At first, she (think) it was the wind, but the noise (not
stop). She (get up) and (turn off) the TV. Everything
(be) very quiet. While she (walk) to the basement
door, she (feel) a little scared.
She (open) the door slowly and (go) down the stairs.
The stairs (make) a strange sound under her feet. Suddenly, the
lights (go) out and Emma (freeze). She
(hear) something move behind the washing machine.
When she (reach) the bottom, she (see) a shadow on
the wall. Her heart (beat) fast while she (try) to stay
calm. "Who's there?" she (say), but nobody (answer).
Then, her cat (jump) from behind a box! Emma
(scream) and then (laugh).
She (pick up) the cat and (decide) to go upstairs. But
while she (walk) up, her foot (touch) something small.
She (look down) and (find) a silver key on the floor.
She (never / see) it before, so she (put) it in her
pocket.
Later that night, while she (try) to sleep, she (keep)
thinking about the key. When she (get up) the next morning, she
(go) back to the basement and (find) a little door
behind some boxes.
She (use) the key, and the door (open) slowly. Inside,
she (see) an old box with a diary and a photo. The photo
(show) a family she didn't know, and the diary (say):
"The secret is still here"