

1 Circle the past simple verbs and underline the past continuous verbs in the sentences.

- 1 The shoplifter was trying to steal some perfume when the store detective caught her.
- 2 Our friends were enjoying themselves at the party when we arrived.
- 3 I saw a well-dressed elderly man vandalising a building when I was walking to school yesterday.
- 4 While we were swimming in France on our holidays, the pool manager gave my dad a fine for wearing loose-fitting shorts!
- 5 Did you see anyone suspicious when you were waiting for the bus yesterday?

2 Decide if the verbs in brackets should be in the past simple (PS) or the past continuous (PC).

- 1 Mum was making dinner when I (ask) her if I could go and meet my friends.
- 2 We (play) tennis when it started to rain.
- 3 The thieves (rob) the bank when the police arrived at the crime scene.
- 4 A bald, middle-aged burglar (fall) out of a window while he was burgling a house.
- 5 The pickpocket who stole my grandpa's wallet (wear) a cap and a dark coat.
- 6 While I was waiting for the show to begin, I (make) myself a drink.

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3 Circle the verbs that are wrong in each sentence.

1 I **was walking** along the road when I **was finding** £10.

2 While he **was deciding** which T-shirt to buy, a shoplifter **was appearing** next to him and put a T-shirt right into her bag!

3 We **shook** with fear when the thieves **came** out of the bank. We were so afraid!

4 My grandma went to the police station because it **was holding** an identity parade to find the pickpocket who **was stealing** her bag.

5 While he **was watching** TV, the police **were ringing** to say they had caught the vandal who damaged his car.

4 Write the past simple and past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Were you going to school when the police stopped the suspicious-looking car? (go, stop)
- 2 Mum the dog in the park when she the police chasing two men. (walk, see)
- 3 Jamie his expensive watch when the pickpocket his wallet? (wear, steal)
- 4 While my parents food at the supermarket, the store detective a shoplifter and called the police. (buy, catch)
- 5 How many students their homework when the bell? (do, ring)

5 Correct the mistakes in bold.

- 1 I broke my arm when I **skis**. **was skiing**
- 2 The thieves **steal** over £100,000 while they were robbing the bank.
- 3 While they **were sleep** last night, the vandals covered their front door in graffiti.
- 4 Did you **felt** bored while you were watching the film? I didn't enjoy it at all!
- 5 Edward saw some criminals get arrested for theft when he **travelling** in Asia.
- 6 Mum and dad **make** dinner when we arrived home from school.

6 Correct the pronoun in each sentence.

- 1 Hannah bought **himself** a new dress. **herself**
- 2 They made **themselves** a picnic for the school trip.
- 3 Luckily, Julian didn't hurt **itself** when he fell off his bike.
- 4 Did you enjoy **myself** in London, Kate?
- 5 I taught **herself** to speak some Spanish before our holiday to Spain last summer.
- 6 We didn't buy **themselves** concert tickets after all because they were so expensive.