

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

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

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

3 Circle the verbs that are wrong in each sentence.

- I **was walking** along the road when I **was finding** £10.
- 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!
- We **shook** with fear when the thieves **came** out of the bank. We were so afraid!
- My grandma went to the police station because it **was holding** an identity parade to find the pickpocket who **was stealing** her bag.
- 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.

- Were you going to school when the police stopped the suspicious-looking car? (go, stop)
- Mum was walking the dog in the park when she saw the police chasing two men. (walk, see)
- Was Jamie wearing his expensive watch when the pickpocket stole his wallet? (wear, steal)
- While my parents were shopping food at the supermarket, the store detective caught a shoplifter and called the police. (buy, catch)
- How many students were doing their homework when the bell rang? (do, ring)

5 Correct the mistakes in bold.

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

6 Correct the pronoun in each sentence.

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