

1. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the PAST CONTINUOUS or PAST SIMPLE.

1. While the police _____ (arrest) a robber, they _____ (find) a knife in his trousers.
2. While you _____ (watch) the film about Sherlock Holmes, I _____ (write) a crime story for school.
3. When we _____ (arrive) in the courtroom, everyone _____ (sit) quietly.
4. Mrs. Brown _____ (clean) her jewellery when a man _____ (ring) the doorbell.
5. While the men _____ (rob) the bank, a police officer _____ (watch) them on a security camera.
6. Officer Jones and I _____ (look) for evidence in the forest when the storm _____ (start).

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Jewel Robbers Copy Sherlock Holmes Story.

In April 2011, robbers (steal) 500 items of jewellery from a shop in St Petersburg, Russia. They (plan) their crime like the Sherlock Holmes story *The Red-Headed League*. First, they (pay) a woman to leave her flat. Then, they (move) into the flat and started making a hole from the flat into the jewellery shop next door.

While the robbers (work), there was a lot of noise. The neighbours (think) the new people (repair) the flat. When the robbers finally (climb) into the jewellery shop, the shop's alarm (ring) loudly. But while the security men (check) the doors and windows of the shop, the robbers (hide) inside the shop. Who (come) through the wall in *The Red-Headed League*? Sherlock Holmes, of course! But in St Petersburg, the Russian police are still looking for the robbers.