

Past-Tense: Past-Continuous Tense

Exercise 12 Fill in the blanks with the correct Simple-Past Tense or Past-Continuous Tense of the verbs in the brackets.

- He was blowing (blow) his nose when he discovered (discover) that his finger was bleeding (bleed).
- He _____ (claim) to have seen a ghost, but when we _____ (check) the matter out, we _____ (realise) he was making things up.
- Nurse Ong never really _____ (believe) in the supernatural till she _____ (see) a hideous-looking man floating in the hospital conference room. Unknown to her, the 'spectre' _____ (be) actually an image _____ (project) from a projector.
- Everyone _____ (laugh) when the thin boy _____ (boast) that he _____ (can) lift the barbell. When he finally _____ (lift) the barbell, everyone _____ (become) silent.
- All the economists _____ (predict) that the share _____ (will) rise. Many investors, however, _____ (speculate) that it would fall. Nobody _____ (can) really be sure what _____ (will) happen next.
- Amilah _____ (drink) alone at the coffee shop when a stranger _____ (approach) him.
- The recalcitrant offender _____ (sneer) when the officer _____ (harangue) him. The officer _____ (lose) his cool and _____ (punch) him on the nose.
- During prehistoric times, dinosaurs _____ (roam) the earth.
- Someone _____ (steal) Zakri's car while he _____ (post) a parcel at the post office.
- Ismail _____ (do) not have any friends. Most of the time, he _____ (be) by himself. Thus, it _____ (be) odd when he _____ (initiate) a conversation with those around him.