

**Put the verbs into the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Progressive).**

1. The receptionist (welcome) \_\_\_\_\_ the guests and (ask) \_\_\_\_\_ them to fill in the form.
2. The car (break) \_\_\_\_\_ down and we (have) \_\_\_\_\_ to walk home.
3. The boys (swim) \_\_\_\_\_ while the girls (sunbathe) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My father (come) \_\_\_\_\_ in, (look) \_\_\_\_\_ around and (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ me to tidy up my room.
5. As long as one group (prepare) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, the others (collect) \_\_\_\_\_ wood for their campfire.
6. While the parents (have) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, their children (run) \_\_\_\_\_ about.
7. Martha (turn) \_\_\_\_\_ off the lights and (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to bed.
8. I (jog) \_\_\_\_\_ in the park, when two squirrels (cross) \_\_\_\_\_ my way.
9. Robert (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ off the ladder when he (pick) \_\_\_\_\_ cherries.
10. Archimedes (discover) \_\_\_\_\_ the theory of buoyancy while he (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a bath.
11. When we (travel) \_\_\_\_\_ around Ireland, we (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ some very nice people.
12. While she (speak) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone, the milk (boil) \_\_\_\_\_ over.
13. When I (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ the house this morning, the sun (shine) \_\_\_\_\_.

A: »What (do / you) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday at 8 pm?«

B: »I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ in the pub with Sam. Why?«

A: »I (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ to the sports centre at that time to play squash with a few friends. As we (be) \_\_\_\_\_ only three players, I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to ring you to ask if you would like to come as well. But I (reach / not) \_\_\_\_\_ you at home.«

B: »Why (ring / not / you) \_\_\_\_\_ my mobile?«

A: »I actually (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to ring your mobile, but by accident I (dial) \_\_\_\_\_ William's number. He (do / not) \_\_\_\_\_ anything special at that moment and really (like) \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of playing squash with us.«

- When I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ up yesterday, the sun (shine) \_\_\_\_\_.
- It (is) \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful morning.
- So I (decide) \_\_\_\_\_ to cycle around a little.
- I (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the shed and (take) \_\_\_\_\_ out my bike.
- While I (cycle) \_\_\_\_\_ past some villages, I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ some people in their gardens.
- One man (mow) \_\_\_\_\_ the grass while his wife (pick) \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries.
- After one hour of cycling in sunshine, a big fat raincloud suddenly (appear) \_\_\_\_\_ and it (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to rain.
- Luckily, a farmer (notice) \_\_\_\_\_ me and (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ me to come in.
- While it (rain) \_\_\_\_\_ outside, I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ in the farmer's house.
- After a while, the sun (come) \_\_\_\_\_ out again.
- I (thank) \_\_\_\_\_ the farmer for his hospitality and (move) \_\_\_\_\_ on.