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12 a Past simple and past continuous. Put the correct verb forms into the sentences. Then match the pictures with the descriptions below.

- In 1492, Columbus _____ (look for) a new way to India when his ships _____ (reach) America.
- Martin Krpan _____ (transport) heavy sacks of salt on his mare when a beautiful carriage _____ (come) jingling in the opposite direction, and _____ (stop). In the carriage _____ (sit) the Emperor Johann, who was on his way to Trieste.
- When Tom Sawyer _____ (whitewash) a long board fence, the free boys _____ (come) to jeer, but remained to whitewash.
- [The Trojan War/Horse.] While the Greek ships _____ (hide), the Trojans _____ (take) the wooden horse into their city. That same night, while the Trojans _____ (sleep), the Greek soldiers _____ (climb) out of the wooden horse and _____ (open) the city gate.
- Jacques Cousteau was a famous underwater explorer. Once he _____ (film) underwater when some sharks _____ (surround) him. He _____ (not have) a knife, he only _____ (have) a camera.
- On the night of 14 April 1912, the Titanic, a luxury cruiser, _____ (sail) from Southampton to New York when, near Newfoundland, it _____ (crash) into an iceberg: 1,513 passengers _____ (go down) with the ship.
- When Vesuvius _____ (erupt) many people in Pompeii _____ (sleep). Some _____ (eat) and _____ (drink), and some _____ (cook).
- In October, 1954, some passengers _____ (ride) by Loch Ness on a bus when a monster _____ (come up) to the surface of the lake. It _____ (surface) 100 metres away and they could observe it for 10 minutes. [Loch Ness is a large and very deep lake in Scotland.]
- On 6 August 1945, at 8.15 am, many people in Hiroshima _____ (sleep), some _____ (have) breakfast, and some _____ (go) to work or school when Americans _____ (drop) a nuclear bomb on the city. The bomb _____ (kill) more than 200,000 people. This was the first nuclear bomb ever dropped on a populated area.
- On 12 August 2000, the Kursk submarine _____ (cruise) in the Barents Sea when a torpedo inside the submarine _____ (explode). The submarine _____ (sink) and all 118 sailors aboard _____ (die). Officials _____ (suggest) several possible reasons for the Kursk sinking: a collision with a foreign submarine, a World War II mine, a missile from a Russian navy warship, etc. Vanessa Redgrave, a famous British actress, _____ (play) in "The Tempest" at the Globe Theatre in London when she _____ (hear) of the Kursk submarine disaster and _____ (decide) to raise money to help the families.
- On 11 September 2001, at 8.45 am, many businessmen and secretaries _____ (work) in the World Trade Center towers when suddenly a hijacked airplane _____ (crash) into the north tower with 92 people on board. At 9.03 am, a second hijacked plane _____ (crash) into the south tower with 64 people on board. At 10 am the south tower _____ (collapse). The north tower _____ (collapse) less than an hour later. 3,000 people were killed.



12 b Listen and check.