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Past Simple and Past Continuous



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Circle the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.

- a) Mary **prepared** / **was preparing** lunch when they **came** / **was coming**.
- b) Tom was very unlucky. It **rained** / **was raining** every day during his holidays.
- c) Who was that nice girl you **talked** / **were talking** to when I **walked** / **was walking** by the pub?
- d) Last weekend Susan **fell** / **was falling** and **broke** / **was breaking** her leg.
- e) When I **entered** / **was entering** the cafeteria Mary **had** / **was having** lunch with Peter.
- f) We **drove** / **were driving** to Berlin in Robert's new car.
- g) The sun **shone** / **was shining** brightly when I **got up** / **was getting up** this morning.
- h) Ann finally **told** / **was telling** us the whole story about Peter.

2

Read the following sentences and put the verbs in brackets in either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous. Put any other words in brackets in the correct place.

- a) As Sophie _____ (walk) up Regent Street she _____ (meet) an old friend from college.
- b) When _____ (father/arrive) yesterday?
He _____ (arrive) late. The train _____ (be) delayed due to an accident.
- c) Who _____ (you/ speak) to on the phone when I _____ (come) in?
- d) Mary _____ (read) in bed when she _____ (hear) a strange noise downstairs.
- e) When Mr. Lawrence _____ (leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun _____ (shine) brightly. However, by 10 o'clock it _____ (rain) heavily.
- f) Sebastian _____ (arrive) at Susan's house a little before 11 a.m., but she _____ (not/be) there. She _____ (study) at the library.
- g) The fireman _____ (rescue) a 75-year-old woman who _____ (be) trapped on the second floor of the burning building.
- h) _____ (you/do) any shopping yesterday?
- i) Yesterday Jane _____ (fall) and _____ (hurt) herself when she _____ (ride) her bicycle.
- j) What _____ (Peter / do) when you _____ (knock) on his door?
- k) Helen _____ (wear) her dress to the party last night.