

## PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS

### 1. Match the columns.

She was watching TV	when the rain started and they became completely wet.
He was doing his homework	when the fire brigade came to the place.
They were walking in the forest	when his friend called him and proposed to go for a walk.
He was swimming in the river	when a crocodile appeared and frightened him.
The cow was eating the grass	when her husband came home.
The people were trying to stop the fire	when he caught a beautiful goldfish.
She was riding a bike	when a wolf came to the meadow.
He was fishing	when she fell down and broke her arm.

### 2. Choose the correct answer

- 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.

### 3. Fill in the blanks with simple past or past continuous

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**SIMPLE PAST - SHORT ACTION - VERB WITH -ed OR 2<sup>nd</sup> column**

**PAST CONTINUOUS - LONG ACTION - was-were + ING**

a. As Sophie \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) up Regent street she \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) an old friend.

b. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) in bed when she \_\_\_\_\_ (**hear**) a strange noise downstairs.

c. Mr Smith \_\_\_\_\_ (**leave**) home at 8:30 this morning, the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (**shine**) brightly.

d. Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) at Susan's house a little before 11 am, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / be**) there. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) at the library.

e. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) TV when someone \_\_\_\_\_ (**knock**) the door.