

PRETERIT SIMPLE / PRETERIT BE + V + ING



Click 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. He **lost / was losing** his keys yesterday.
- 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.



Read the following sentences and put the verbs in brackets in either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous (BE + V+ING). Put any other words in brackets in the correct place.

* (As = alors que, comme...) / (while = pendant que)

- a) As Sophie _____ (walk) up Oxford 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, at 10 o'clock when he _____ (come back) 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) While the fireman _____ (help) a 75-year-old woman in her burning house, the journalists _____ (take) photos.
- h) Yesterday Jane _____ (ride) her bicycle when suddenly, she _____ (fall) and _____ (hurt) herself.
- i) What _____ (Peter / do) when you _____ (knock) on his door?