

Ex. 1 Yesterday someone took a gold ring from Lady Montague's bedroom. Smart Alec is interviewing Lady Montague's son, Jake. Complete the questions in the past simple or the past continuous tense.



ALEC What ¹ were you doing ?

JAKE I was reading in the living room.

ALEC What ² _____ ?

JAKE I was reading the newspaper.

ALEC Where ³ _____ ?

JAKE I was sitting on a sofa near the window.

ALEC ⁴ _____ ?

JAKE No, it wasn't raining.

ALEC When ⁵ _____ ?

JAKE I left the living room at ten past five.

ALEC Where ⁶ _____ ?

JAKE I went upstairs.

ALEC Why ⁷ _____ ?

JAKE Because I wanted to have a rest.

ALEC ⁸ _____ anyone?

JAKE Yes, I did. I saw Jenkins, the butler.

ALEC What ⁹ _____ ?

JAKE He was coming downstairs.

ALEC ¹⁰ _____ anything?

JAKE Yes, he was carrying a tray with some cups on it.

ALEC Thank you, Mr Montague.

Ex. 2 **Read the story. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous tense.**

- 1 While I was shopping (shop) with my friend last Saturday, we _____ (see) an accident.
- 2 We _____ (have) lunch outside a café, when it _____ (happen).
- 3 A woman _____ (cross) the street, when a boy on a bike _____ (come) round the corner very fast.
- 4 The boy _____ (not look) and he _____ (hit) the woman.
- 5 When I _____ (see) it, I _____ (take out) my mobile phone and I _____ (phone) for an ambulance.
- 6 A policeman _____ (arrive) while we _____ (wait) for the ambulance, and he _____ (ask) us some questions.
- 7 While we _____ (talk) to the policeman, the ambulance _____ (come) and _____ (take) the woman and the boy to hospital.
- 8 Later, while I _____ (listen) to the radio, I _____ (hear) a news report about the accident. The two people were fine.