

PAST TENSES

Past simple or continuous?

Read the stories and answer the questions.

HERO SAVES MAN'S LIFE

Jack Easton, 38, was driving home from work at around 6.30 in the evening when he saw a yellow VW van, driven by Ken Sharpe, crash into a tree. Without thinking of his own safety, he pulled the young man out of the van and took him straight to hospital. The doctors say Ken will make a complete recovery.



1) What was Jack Easton doing when he saw the accident?

2) What did he do when he saw the accident?

Dog attacked in park by swans

Hilary Benting, 54, was taking her dog, Toby, for a walk in St James' Park last Thursday afternoon. She was throwing sticks into the pond for Toby to retrieve. He was swimming in the pond when he was attacked by two swans. He received cuts and bruises. Mrs Benting called park officials to help, but there was little they could do.



3) What was Mrs Benting doing when her dog was attacked? What was Toby doing?

4) What did she do when her dog was attacked?

Shock for bank customers

■ Customers in the Whitehall Savings Bank received a nasty shock yesterday as they were standing in a queue chatting to each other. At 11.15 two masked robbers burst into the bank carrying shotguns. Sixty-year-old Martin Webb suffered a heart attack and was taken to hospital. The robbers escaped with £500,000.



5) What was happening in the bank when the robbers burst in?

6) What happened to Martin Webb when the robbers burst in?