

The Robbery

Last Saturday, I was shopping in town with my daughters. I wanted to post some letters, so I went to the post office. My two daughters were laughing and joking. The post office sells magazines and sweets, so I asked them to look at the magazines quietly while I waited in the queue.

I think it was about twelve o'clock. There was a man in front of me and some people behind me. An old woman was talking to a young woman about a TV show, I think. Behind them there was a young woman. I know her. She works at the bank. She smiled at me. Two young men were waiting at the desk. They were writing something and the cashier was waiting for them to finish. Then one of the men took a gun from his pocket and shouted 'Don't move!' He had blond hair and wore glasses. We were all very frightened, but we didn't move.

A few seconds later, a tall man with dark hair ran into the post office. He had a gun too and he shouted, 'Hurry up. I'm outside with the car!' I was very worried about my daughters but they were quiet. They knew the men were dangerous. Then everything happened very quickly. I remember the door opened again and four policemen ran in. The two robbers couldn't escape. One policeman was shouting at the men, when the other policeman jumped on the man with the gun. The gun fell on the floor and about a minute later I heard a police car siren.

Revision

Read the text and answer the questions.

Why did the woman go into the post office?

Because she wanted to post some letters.

1 Who was she with?

2 What time was it?

3 What were the two women talking about in the queue?

4 Who was waiting at the desk?

5 A second robber came into the post office. What did he look like?

6 How many policemen ran into the post office?

7 What did the second policeman do while the other policeman was shouting at the robber?

1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous. Use the verbs in brackets.



Alicia was sending an e-mail. (send)



1 We _____ dinner at 8.00. (have)



2 Liam _____ a shower. (not have)



3 Shelley _____ a ball in the park. (throw)



4 Darren _____ a hat. (not wear)



5 The boys _____ TV. (not watch)



6 Liz and Jed _____ on the sofa. (sit)



7 Simon and Jon _____ on the phone. (talk)

2 Complete the questions and short answers. Use the present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Are you reading a book? [you / read]

No, I'm not.

1 _____ for a bus? [they / wait]

No, _____.

2 _____ in the sea? [she / swim]

Yes, _____.

3 _____ a car? [he / drive]

No, _____.

4 _____ football? [they / play]

Yes, _____.

5 _____? [it / rain]

No, _____.

6 _____ new shoes? [you / wear]

Yes, _____.

7 _____ a horse? [he / ride]

No, _____.

3 Choose the correct words.

I was reading / **read** in my room when Elsie knocked on the door.

1 We were playing cards when Mum **brought** / **was bringing** us some sandwiches.

2 Tina **cleaned** / **was cleaning** the kitchen floor when Richard walked into the room.

3 They were crossing the road when they **saw** / **were seeing** Jim.

4 The children **talked** / **were talking** when the teacher came into class.

5 Matthew **was writing** / **wrote** a text message when his phone rang.

6 The dogs were chasing a cat when they **were jumping** / **jumped** over a wall.

7 The boys **were swimming** / **swam** in the sea when it started to rain.

1 Choose the correct words.

There was lots of rain but no lightning / **avalanche** in the storm.

- 1 Did you hear the **explosion** / **flood**?
- 2 Sometimes there are **avalanches** / **forest fires** in Australia during the summer.
- 3 We saw smoke coming out of the mountain during the **tsunami** / **volcanic eruption**.
- 4 The roof of our house blew away during the **earthquake** / **tornado**.
- 5 There was **an avalanche** / **a hurricane** on the French ski resort.
- 6 There was **a flood** / **an explosion** because it rained for two weeks.
- 7 The **earthquake** / **forest fire** destroyed 8,500 trees.

2 Match words 1–6 with words A–H.

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| do | A a photograph |
| 1 send | B the shopping |
| 2 put on | C for bed |
| 3 brush | D your teeth |
| 4 get ready | E dinner |
| 5 have | F your pyjamas |
| 6 take | G an email |
| 7 throw | H a ball |

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

you / what / doing / were / when / the /
erupted / volcano / ?

What were you doing when the volcano
erupted?

- 1 was / garden / in / sitting / I / the

- 2 parents / where / your / were / ?

- 3 in / they / living / sitting / room / were / the

- 4 anything / you / could / see / ?

- 5 ash / cloud / I / big / saw / of / a

- 6 were / doing / what / people / ?

- 7 the / they / street / were / running / into
