

UNIT 4 PRACTICE

A Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (watch) a documentary when I _____ (hear) a noise coming from the kitchen.
2. As Jack _____ (drive) home, he _____ (have) an accident.
3. Sandra _____ (cook) while her husband _____ (read) his newspaper.
4. While I _____ (jog) in the park, my brother _____ (play) with his son.
5. Jason _____ (want) to buy a leather jacket but he _____ (not/have) enough money with him.
6. When Peter _____ (enter) the office, the others _____ (have) a meeting.
7. While Sean _____ (work) on his laptop, his brother _____ (fix) his bicycle.
8. Last night Ben _____ (call) John, but he _____ (not/answer) the phone because he _____ (be) out in the garden.

B Expand the notes into sentences using the words given and the Past Simple or the Past Progressive.

1. Terry / phone / cousin / get / home when
_____.
2. Rita / hear / bad / news / she / start / crying when
_____.
3. Kevin / talk / on / mobile / his brother / play / computer games while
_____.
4. I / walk / down / street / I / meet / old friend as
_____.
5. We / have / dinner / Donald / drop by when
_____.

C Complete the text with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.



Last Saturday we (1)_____ (decide) to eat out at a new Chinese restaurant, that (2)_____ (open) in our neighbourhood. While my parents and I (3)_____ (enjoy) our exotic meal, my two younger brothers (4)_____ (begin) to complain about the food. They (5)_____ (not/like) it at all, so they soon (6)_____ (get) bored. While we (7)_____ (eat), they (8)_____ (start) to chase each other around the restaurant. As they (9)_____ (run) in between the tables, they (10)_____ (push) a waiter who (11)_____ (fall) on one of the tables. Unfortunately, the waiter (12)_____ (hold) a bottle of coke, which (13)_____ (fly) into the air and (14)_____ (land) on an old lady. We (15)_____ (not/can) believe what (16)_____ (happen). The old lady's husband (17)_____ (shout) at my brothers while she (18)_____ (complain) that her dress was ruined. It (19)_____ (take) my father half an hour to calm them down! What a mess!

D Choose the correct answer, a, b, c or d.

1. Tom _____ when the postman rang his doorbell.
a. slept c. sleeps
b. is sleeping d. was sleeping
2. _____ Mary got to school, she went straight to her classroom.
a. As c. As soon
b. When d. While
3. _____ you know what time it is?
a. Are c. Were
b. Did d. Do
4. When I _____ Ken at the railway station yesterday, he was talking to his cousin, Al.
a. see c. saw
b. was seeing d. 'm seeing
5. When we were children, my brother _____ me what to do and I hated it.
a. has always told c. was always telling
b. is always telling d. always tells
6. Ron _____ his first car in 2008.
a. bought c. buys
b. was buying d. is buying
7. I didn't _____ to my brother last night, because when I got home, he was sleeping.
a. spoke c. spoken
b. speaking d. speak
8. I met Carl last year, while we _____ abroad.
a. study c. were studying
b. studied d. are studying