

3 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct past simple or past continuous form.

We ¹_____ (watch) a DVD when someone ²_____ (ring) the door bell. My brother Tom ³_____ (open) the door and there was a young man. The young man ⁴_____ (hold) a big box in his hands and he ⁵_____ (wear) a T-shirt with the words 'Happy Birthday' on it. When he ⁶_____ (see) my brother, he said, 'Happy Birthday.' My brother ⁷_____ (tell) him it wasn't his birthday and ⁸_____ (ask) the young man about the box. While they ⁹_____ (talk) the man's mobile phone rang. The young man ¹⁰_____ (finish) his telephone conversation and said it was a mistake. The box was for our next-door neighbour!

1 Choose the correct tense: past simple or past continuous.

Last winter, I ¹had / was having a nasty accident while I ²skied / was skiing. I was with my friend Joe. It was a beautiful morning. The sun ³shone / was shining and lots of people ⁴skied / were skiing. Suddenly, Joe ⁵lost / was losing control as he was going round a corner and ⁶crashed / was crashing into me. I ⁷fell / was falling and broke my leg. An air ambulance ⁸arrived / was arriving and ⁹took / was taking me to hospital. I was in hospital for two weeks!

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Last year my dad and I ¹ visited (visit) the USA. While we ² _____ (stay) in Los Angeles, we ³ _____ (go) to a basketball game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Chicago Bulls. The atmosphere inside the stadium ⁴ _____ (be) really exciting. Thousands of spectators ⁵ _____ (cheer). The Los Angeles Lakers ⁶ _____ (score) 30 points in the last 10 minutes, but they ⁷ _____ (not win). After the game, one of the players ⁸ _____ (throw) the ball into the crowd and a man in front of us ⁹ _____ (catch) it. While we ¹⁰ _____ (leave) the stadium, the man ¹¹ _____ (give) us the ball and ¹² _____ (say): 'Here's a souvenir!'

CHALLENGE!

Complete the sentences. Use *did*, *didn't*, *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

- 1 'Were you playing volleyball when he arrived?' 'No, we _____.'
- 2 '_____ she win the race?' 'Yes, she _____.'
- 3 '_____ you watch the match while you _____ having dinner?' 'No, we _____.'
- 4 What _____ you do when you got home?
- 5 '_____ he ring while she _____ doing her homework?' 'Yes, he _____.'
- 6 'How many goals _____ he score?' 'He _____ score any goals. He _____ playing!'

4 Put the verbs in brackets in the correct past simple or past continuous form.

Last month I ¹ _____ (go) skiing for the first time. The weather ² _____ (be) good all week. By the end of the week I ³ _____ (ski) very well. On the last day the sun ⁴ _____ (shine) and we ⁵ _____ (have) a race. My two best friends ⁶ _____ (lead) but I ⁷ _____ (pass) them. I ⁸ _____ (cheer) when I suddenly ⁹ _____ (lose) control of my skis and I ¹⁰ _____ (hit) a tree! I soon stopped cheering after that!

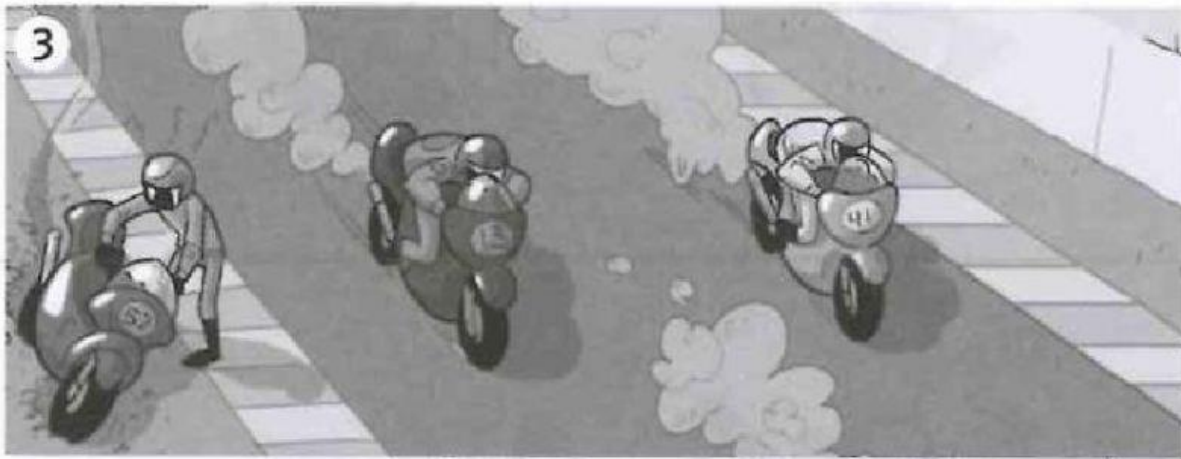
3 Look at the pictures and write the story. Use the prompts to help you.



*Last month Joe and Simon / go / the motorbike Grand Prix.
The sun / shine / and the crowd / be / happy. Joe and Simon
/ stand / near the finish line.*



*The race / be / really exciting. Two riders / race / very close.
On the last corner / Colin Edwards / lead. Suddenly, / Nicky
Hayden / pass / Edwards. Edwards / be / surprised. He /
lose / control of his motorbike.*



Edwards / crash / 500m before the finish line. While he /
check / his motorbike, eleven other riders / finish / the race.
Hayden / win / the Grand Prix, but the crowd / cheer / when
Edwards / cross / the finish line!
