

Simple past and past progressive

1 Choose the correct words.

- I saw the accident while I **walked/was walking** to school this morning.
- A bus was coming down the road when a cat **ran/was running** in front of it.
- The driver **saw/was seeing** the cat and tried to avoid it.
- While the driver **tried/was trying** to avoid the cat, he drove into a tree.
- Some birds **sat/were sitting** in the tree and they suddenly flew away.
- The driver **couldn't move/could moving** the bus, so I called the emergency services.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the simple past or the past progressive.

- Someone went into their room while they were sleeping. (go/sleep)
- While Ali _____, she _____ her arm. (snowboard/break)
- _____ when I _____ home? (you work/get)
- We _____ at our desks when the teacher _____ in. (not sit/come)
- Dad _____ a photo of us while we _____. (take/windsurf)
- They _____ a picnic when it _____ to rain. (have/start)

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use the simple past or the past progressive.

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1 I was doing my homework at nine o'clock last night. I had to write a blog, but I
2 _____ what to write about. Then, while I
3 _____ in front of my computer, I heard a noise outside. I 4 _____ outside and I saw three men who 5 _____ to open our garage door. I 6 _____ them for a few seconds and then I called the police!

when and while

4 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- I was surprised when I heard the news.
- They saw a whale _____ they were sailing.
- We stayed in the café _____ it was raining.
- Jane was running toward me _____ she suddenly stopped.
- I felt bored _____ I was listening to the presentation.
- I was taking a photo of the bird _____ it flew away.

Subject and object questions

5 Are these questions subject or object questions? Write *subject* or *object*.

- Where did you go on vacation? object
- What did you do on the weekend? _____
- What happened in the last scene of the movie? _____
- Who ate all the cookies? _____
- Why did he leave college? _____
- Who told you about this new café? _____

6 Match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

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| 1 Who married Prince Harry? | <u>e</u> |
| 2 Who did Prince Harry marry? | _____ |
| 3 Who called you? | _____ |
| 4 Who did you call? | _____ |
| 5 Who wrote <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> ? | _____ |
| 6 What did J.K. Rowling write? | _____ |
| a J.K. Rowling wrote <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> . | |
| b He married Meghan Markle. | |
| c I called my friend. | |
| d She wrote books. | |
| e Meghan Markle married Prince Harry. | |
| f My friend called me. | |