

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

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Learning focus: Use the past simple for sudden actions and the past continuous for actions that were already happening.

Part 1 - Circle the correct answer

1. I (**walk / was walking**) through a dark street when I (**heard / was hearing**) a strange noise.
2. People (**talk / were talking**) quietly when the teacher suddenly (**enter / entered**).
3. I (**sit / was sitting**) on a bus when it suddenly (**stopped / was stopping**).
4. We (**dream / were dreaming**) about flying when we (**fall / fell**) from the sky.

Part 2 - Maze: Read the story and circle the correct answer

Last night, I (**walked / was walking**) through a dark street when I (**heard / was hearing**) a strange noise. People (**talked / were talking**) quietly near a theater when a man suddenly (**grabbed / was grabbing**) my arm. I (**felt / was feeling**) scared, but the audience (**clapped / were clapping**) and everyone (**looked / was looking**) excited. I (**watched / was watching**) the stage when the lights (**went out / were going out**).

Part 3 - Complete the story using the correct tense

Last night, I _____ (**sit**) in a theater when the lights suddenly _____ (**dim**). The audience _____ (**watch**) quietly while one actor _____ (**give**) a monologue. I _____ (**feel**) excited when someone behind me suddenly _____ (**shout**). As I _____ (**turn**) around, a strange man _____ (**grab**) my arm. I _____ (**become**) scared and then I _____ (**realize**) it was only a dream.

Grammar Reminder

was/were + verb-ing = Past Continuous | Past verb = Past Simple

I He She It Singular	They We You Plural
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