

Past progressive vs simple past

1. Look at the pictures and complete the stories with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs.



be – call – come – fall – look (x2) – see
– stop – take – walk

Kim and I _____ outside a store while we _____ along the sidewalk downtown. While we _____ in the store window, I _____ a motorcycle with two men on it. While Kim _____ in her bag, the motorcycle _____ towards her. When it _____ next to her, one of the men _____ her bag and she _____ down. A woman _____ the police to report the crime.

cook – get – have – run – set –
steal – watch



Last Saturday, we _____ a cookout in our yard. Dad _____ a chicken while mom and I _____ the table. The neighbor's dog, Speedo, _____ us. While dad _____ something from the kitchen, Speedo _____ into our yard and _____ the chicken!

2. Drag and drop the sentences.

We were walking home.

The thieves broke into the store.

Josie was reading her book.

We saw a suspicious man.

The criminal stole my bag.

The police were investigating a crime.

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