Exercises

1. Use was/were + V-ing

-At the time of the robbery, the Jacksons .....(watch) television.

Mark, the son, ...(play) basketball in the garden.

-At the same time, two men in a dark blue car .....(wait) outside of the bank.

-Miss Eleanor Mackenzie .....(work) in the garden.

-I .....(not have a bath), ...(do) my homework yesterday at 7 p.m.

-What about you? What.....you .....(do)?

2-Use was / were + V-ing. You have to use the affirmative, negative or interrogative forms.

-Oh there you are ! Where were you ?

In the bathroom. I .....(brush) my teeth.

-Liam! Be quiet, will you?

But I .....(not/talk) Miss!

-I just saw Justin, Mark and Naomi in the park.

Oh yeah? What .....they.....(do)?

-The boys .....(play) with their dog and Naomi .....(feed) the ducks.

-You know what? Peter fell off the roof and broke his leg.

Oh my god! But what .....he.....(do) on the roof???

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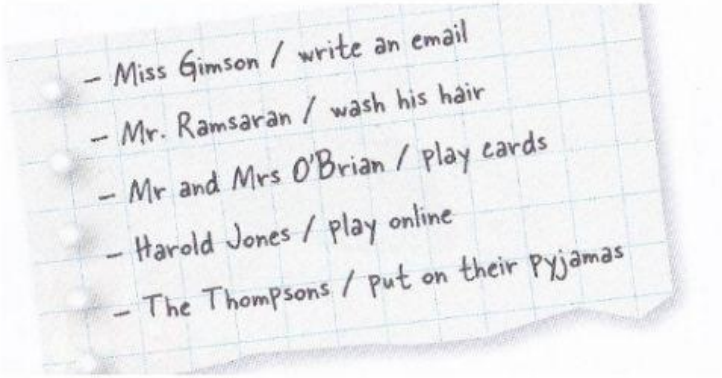
3. A crime was committed last night at 11p.m. Inspector Harry is investigating. Here are his notes. Write down the alibis for each suspect.



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4. Choose between the simple past and was/were +V-ing.

-Yesterday, after school, Mum.....(ask) me to post a letter for her so I .....(take) the dog and I .....(go) out. I .....(walk) down High Street when I .....(see) Karen, a girl in my class. She .....(talk) with Bobby, my arch-enemy at school. I couldn't believe it!

-I .....(take a walk) when I .....(see) a terrifying dog.

-When the police.....;(arrive), we .....(talk) and .....(play) cards in the garden.

-They .....(not work) when I ..... (get) home

5. Use the simple past and was/were +V-ing like in the example.

Ex : I / have a bath/Dada/knock on the bathroom door.

I was having a bath when dad knocked on the bathroom door.

-I/ read an exciting story/ mum/ ask me to set the table

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-I / play with the dog in the park/ my mobile/ ring

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-I/ paint/ the garage door/ my grandmother/ send me to the supermarket

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6. Ask questions to discover what the suspects were doing. Use Preterit be + V-ing.

a) You/sleep/at 9.00a.m. this morning?

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b) Where/ he/ go/ when he found the body?

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c) What / they/ do / in the garden?

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