

23 Sottolinea l'alternativa corretta.

- Sasha first met / was meeting his girlfriend in a museum.
- I had / was having a sleep when Mum called.
- Yesterday we walked / were walking up that really steep road.
- When Reece got / was getting to the sports centre, he registered.
- Last week we went / were going to the supermarket when I felt really ill.
- Renée studied / was studying at Harvard when she was in Boston.
- Tim's old car broke down / was breaking down on the way to Oxford.
- While I was looking round the old town, I discovered / was discovering a tiny bookshop.
- During the basketball game Enrico sprained / was spraining his ankle.

24 Completa le frasi con il *simple past* o il *past continuous* dei verbi tra parentesi.

- When I got home, I made (make) dinner.
- When I got home, Jacob was making (make) dinner.
- While Avery _____ (shop), she saw my mother.
- When I came out of the Tube station, it _____ (pour) with rain.
- While I _____ (talk) to Mia, Mason was chatting to Samantha.
- Ella _____ (have) regular Spanish lessons until she had her second child.
- When Jayden phoned me, I _____ (work).
- While we were watching the news on TV, we _____ (hear) your name mentioned!
- Daniel also _____ (learn) Latin and Greek while he was studying for his Maths degree.
- When my mobile phone _____ (fall) out of my bag, I managed to catch it.

25 Conosci la versione moderna della fiaba di *Cappuccetto Rosso*? Completa il brano con il *simple past* o il *past continuous* dei verbi tra parentesi.

One afternoon a big wolf (0) was waiting (wait) in a dark forest for a little girl with a basket of food for her grandmother. Finally a little girl (1) _____ (come) along and she (2) _____ (carry) a basket of food. "Are you carrying that basket to your grandmother?" (3) _____ (ask) the wolf. The little girl said that she (4) _____ (go) to her grandmother's and she (5) _____ (tell) the wolf where her grannie (6) _____ (live). The wolf (7) _____ (disappear) into the wood and the girl (8) _____ (go) to her grandmother's. When the little girl (9) _____ (open) the door of her grandmother's house she (10) _____ (see) that somebody (11) _____ (sleep) in bed with a nightcap and night-gown on. She (12) _____ (go) towards the bed and she (13) _____ (realise) that it wasn't her grandmother but the wolf – because even in a nightcap a wolf doesn't look like a grandmother. So the little girl (14) _____ (take) an automatic gun out of her basket and (15) _____ (shoot) the wolf dead.

MORAL: IT IS NOT AS EASY TO FOOL LITTLE GIRLS AS IT WAS IN THE PAST.

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26 Traduci le seguenti frasi.

- La ragazza stava piangendo e nessuno sapeva perché era così infelice.
- Quando il semaforo diventò rosso, l'auto stava andando troppo veloce.
- Mentre Gabrielle tagliava il tacchino (*turkey*), Nathan condiva (*dress*) l'insalata.
- Quando Brian era bambino ogni volta che prendeva una tazza di tè, buttava (*spill*) sempre lo zucchero sul tavolo!
- Stavamo prendendo il sole (*sunbathe*) quando una grossa onda si è abbattuta sulla spiaggia (*crash against the shore*).
- Le ragazze stavano gridando perché c'era un pipistrello nella loro stanza.
- Amanda mise via (*put away*) il libro, spense la luce e si addormentò dopo pochi secondi.
- Stavo spedendo la cartolina ad Anne quando vidi che non c'era un francobollo su di essa.