

2 COMPLETE the sentences using the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A month ago we (to swim) in the sea and now we're back at school.
- 2 While I (to talk) to you on the phone this morning, my little brother (to use) my tablet.
- 3 The Simpsons (to relax) in the sun when they heard the news about the earthquake.
- 4 We (to walk) home in the dark when we saw a red fox, it (to cross) the street. Do you remember?
- 5 Tony didn't hear your story, he (to listen to) his new CD.
- 6 What (the neighbours / to do) last night? It was so noisy!



3 LISTEN to part of a story about an adventure in the mountains and say if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones.

- 1 The weather was warm and sunny. T F
- 2 The group were all feeling cold and depressed. T F
- 3 There was no sign of any shelter. T F
- 4 While Tessa was holding the torch, the others tried to go on. T F
- 5 The wind wasn't blowing and the snow wasn't falling as they were walking on. T F
- 6 The light was coming from the open doorway of a hut. T F
- 7 The group knew the young man in the hut. T F

4 WRITE sentences using the past simple or the past continuous and the prompts below. Add a comma whenever necessary.

- 1 When / we / Skype / our cousins / in Australia / the computer / suddenly / crash.
- 2 The match / proceed / well / when / our team / suddenly / get / a penalty.
- 3 While / we / wait for / the bus / to the centre / two / pass / in the other direction.
- 4 The phone / ring / just as / I / leave / the house.
- 5 Paul / not live / in Florence / when / he / first / meet / his future wife.
- 6 As / you / walk / home / this afternoon / you / see / the wonderful rainbow?

5 READ the sentences and correct the mistakes. One sentence is correct.

- 1 They watched the match when the dog began to bark.
- 2 While Mum was cooking the supper, we were forgetting to lay the table.
- 3 It was particularly cold as we cycled by the river yesterday.
- 4 We were singing all the time, so we didn't hear the doorbell.
- 5 Who did you greet when I saw you this morning at about 11?
- 6 I remember that man, he walked down the street when I looked out of the window.

6 COMPLETE the sentences using the past simple or the past continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The workers (to leave) their workplace when the fire (to break) out in the factory.
- 2 Dad (to come) home early but no one (to hear) him because Mum (to cook), Lilly (to chat) to a friend, Tim (to watch) a film and the dog (to sleep).
- 3 When we (to leave) home, the sun (to shine) but when we (to arrive) at the picnic site, it (to rain) hard so we (to eat) in the car.
- 4 His parents (not to be) very anxious while he (to work) in Paris because he (not to take) any risks.
- 5 During the show last week the audience (to laugh) enthusiastically while the actors (to tell) jokes and funny stories.
- 6 There (to be) a dramatic storm while we (to land), and all the passengers (silently / to say) their prayers.

7 COMPLETE the police interrogation using the past simple or the past continuous of the verbs from the box.

watch • meet • go • do • rain • happen
walk (X2) • be • cross • look • see • imagine

Police officer: OK Fred, tell me. What (1) (you) two days ago at 10 p.m.
Criminal: Let me see. Two days ago at 10 p.m. I (2) (probably) television, officer. I certainly (3) (not) out.
Police officer: Which programme did you see?
Criminal: Oh no, that is not true, now I remember. I (4) along the canal with my dog Snoopy.
Police officer: And tell me. Can you prove it?
(5) (you) another walker?
Criminal: It (6) heavily, officer, and it was difficult to see in the dark.
Police officer: So (7) (you / not) in the area near the bank where the robbery (8) last night?
Criminal: Certainly not, officer! I definitely (9) (not) near the bank.
Police officer: So what about the witness? She (10) you outside the bank while she (11) the road around 10 p.m.
Criminal: It's surely a mistake. Maybe she (12) at another man or she (13) the whole story.
Police officer: But Fred, the witness is your own wife!