



Circle the correct verb form in each of the following sentences.



- a) Mary **prepared / was preparing** lunch when they **came / was coming**.
- b) Tom was very unlucky. It **rained / was raining** every day during his holidays.
- c) Who was that nice girl you **talked / were talking** to when I **walked / was walking** by the pub?
- d) Last weekend Susan **fell / was falling** and **broke/ was breaking** her leg.
- e) When I **entered / was entering** the cafeteria Mary **had / was having** lunch with Peter.
- f) We **drove/ were driving** to Berlin in Robert's new car.
- g) The sun **shone / was shining** brightly when I **got up / was getting up** this morning.
- h) Ann finally **told / was telling** us the whole story about Peter.



Read the following sentences and put the verbs in brackets in either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous. Put any other words in brackets in the correct place.

- a) As Sophie \_\_\_\_\_(walk) up Regent Street she \_\_\_\_\_(meet) an old friend from college.
- b) When \_\_\_\_\_(father/arrive) yesterday?  
He \_\_\_\_\_(arrive) late. The train \_\_\_\_\_(be)delayed due to an accident.
- c) Who \_\_\_\_\_(you/ speak) to on the phone when I \_\_\_\_\_(come)in?
- d) Mary \_\_\_\_\_(read) in bed when she \_\_\_\_\_(hear) a strange noise downstairs.
- e) When Mr. Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_(leave) home at 8.30 this morning, the sun \_\_\_\_\_(shine) brightly. However, by 10 o'clock it \_\_\_\_\_(rain) heavily.
- f) Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_(arrive) at Susan's house a little before 11 a.m., but she \_\_\_\_\_(not/be) there. She \_\_\_\_\_(study) at the library.
- g) The fireman \_\_\_\_\_(rescue) a 75-year-old woman who \_\_\_\_\_(be) trapped on the second floor of the burning building.
- h) \_\_\_\_\_(you/do) any shopping yesterday?
- i) Yesterday Jane \_\_\_\_\_(fall) and \_\_\_\_\_(hurt) herself when she \_\_\_\_\_(ride) her bicycle.
- j) What \_\_\_\_\_(Peter / do) when you \_\_\_\_\_(knock) on his door?
- k) Helen \_\_\_\_\_(wear) her dress to the party last night.