

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Graeme ^a went (go) online this morning and ^b _____ (buy) tickets for the concert.
- Simone and Kay ^a _____ (be) very busy all day yesterday. They ^b _____ (not/have) time for a break.
- ^a _____ (Carly/be) at the Science club last week?
^b _____ (she/give) her presentation?
- ^a _____ (you/download) those games recently?
^b _____ (they/be) free?

2 ★ Complete the dialogue between a policeman and Steve with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

At the police station ...

P: What were you doing (do) at six o'clock on the 23rd of October?

S: Erm ... I don't remember. I think I was at home. Yes, I ¹ _____ (watch) TV.

P: Was anyone at home with you?

S: No, nobody. It was just me. I ² _____ (not/work) that day.

P: I see. So nobody saw you at home at 6 p.m. that day?

S: Oh ... er ... yes of course. Silly me! My wife was there too. She ³ _____ (make) dinner in the kitchen.

P: And what about your children?

S: Oh yeah, the kids! They ⁴ _____ (do/homework) upstairs in their bedrooms.

P: And your mother-in-law?

S: Oh yes, of course. Er ... She ⁵ _____ (stand) in the kitchen.

P: I see. So, can you explain why we have pictures of you waiting in your car outside the bank at 6 p.m.?

3 ★ Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Alexander Graham Bell was experimenting (experiment) in his laboratory when he made the first successful telephone call.

- _____ (Archimedes/have) a bath when he shouted 'Eureka!'?
- Mark Zuckerberg _____ (study) at Harvard University when he created Facebook.
- _____ (Isaac Newton/sit) under an apple tree when he thought of his theory of gravity?
- Maria Curie _____ (not/live) in Poland when she won her first Nobel Prize in 1903.

4 ★★ Choose the correct forms.

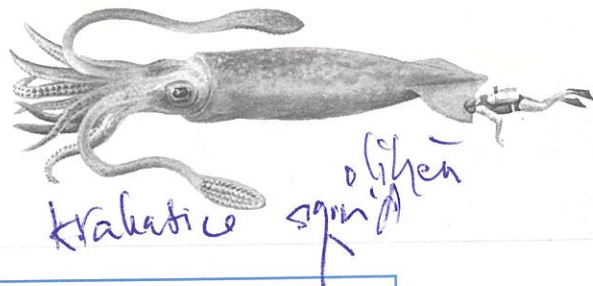
- Sorry, I ^a had / was having a shower when you ^b called / were calling.
- ^a Did Lola stand / Was Lola standing outside when it ^b started / was starting to rain?
- When the car ^a crashed / was crashing into us, we ^b waited / were waiting at the traffic lights.
- Fortunately, we ^a didn't ski / weren't skiing when the bad weather ^b came / was coming.

5 ★★★ Complete the story with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

What were you doing (you/do) the last time you ¹ _____ (see) something truly amazing? Well, fisherman and journalist Al McGlashan ² _____ (fish) with friends in his private boat when he ³ _____ (find) something very, very strange. At first the group of fishermen ⁴ _____ (not/know) what it was, but when they ⁵ _____ (look) closely, they saw the body of a giant squid – almost 4 metres long!

Al got out his video camera and then another amazing thing ⁶ _____ (happen). He ⁷ _____ (film) the squid when a large blue shark ⁸ _____ (arrive) and began eating the dead squid for lunch!

Al ⁹ _____ (tell) an Australian newspaper that in all his years of fishing he'd never seen anything like it.



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6 Find and correct the mistakes.

He was clicking on an icon and nothing happened.
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- Tom was downloading music when his computer was getting the virus. _____
- Annabelle visited the zoo when she saw an elephant for the first time. _____
- Grandma, were you watching television when Apollo 11 was landing on the moon? _____
- They were waiting for the bus when it was starting to snow. _____
- The girls were playing tennis when Helen was breaking her arm. _____
- Was the computers working this morning when you arrived? _____