

Past simple and past continuous

1 Put in the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

► The car *stopped* (stop) at the lights.

1 We..... (leave) the cinema before the end of the film.

2 The streets.....(be) crowded with people.

3 My grandmother..... (die) last year.

4 Everyone..... (have) a marvellous time.

5 We..... (not / like) the food they gave us.

6 Claire..... (go) to Egypt last month.

7 The accident..... (happen) last weekend.

8 It..... (not / be) a very comfortable journey.

9 I..... (know) that ages ago.

2 Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

► There were lights on the spacecraft, (had) *The spacecraft had lights on it.*

1 I had my old coat on. (wearing) _____

2 I was on holiday, and you were on holiday, too. (we) _____

3 It isn't true that I made a mistake, (didn't) _____

4 The boys were in the middle of a game of cards, (playing) _____

5 No one told me about the change of plan, (know) _____

6 My friend was the winner of the competition, (won) _____

7 Is it a fact that the Romans built this wall? (did) _____

3 Lorna Bright is a long-distance walker. Look at this part of her diary describing a morning's walk along the coast. Write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

It was a fine day (►) *when* I started out on the last part of my walk around the coast of Britain. The sun was(1)..... , and a light wind (2)..... blowing from the southwest. I was pleased that it (3)..... raining. I knew by now that I (4)..... like rain. In fact I (5)..... it. I (6)..... along the cliff top and then down into the lovely little fishing village of Wellburn, past a cafe where people (7)..... having morning coffee. Three miles past Wellburn I (8)..... down for five minutes and (9)..... a drink. Now it (10)..... getting warmer, so I (11)..... off one of my sweaters. I(12)..... stop for long because I(13)..... to reach Seabury by lunch-time. (14)..... I finally got there, it (15)..... just after half past twelve.

4 Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Write the correct sentence,

The hotel were very quiet.

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1 It was peaceful, and-the birds-were sing.

2 I washed my hair when the-phone rang.

3 You came to the club last night.

4 It taked ages to ge home.

5 5. We tried to keep quiet because the baby sleeping

6 As I was watching him, the man was suddenly running away.

7 We pass a petrol station two minutes ago.

8 Everything was seeming OK.

9 Where bought you that-bag?

10 When I heard the alarm I was having-the-room immediately.

5 Complete the sentences. Put in the correct form of each verb. Use the past continuous or past simple.

► When Martin *arrived* (arrive) home, Anna *was talking* (talk) to someone on the phone. Martin *started* (start) to get the tea.

1 I (lie) in the bath when the phone (ring). It (stop) after a few rings.

2 I t (be) cold when we (leave) the house that day, and alight snow (fall).

3 Your friend who (come) here the other day (seem) very nice. I (enjoy) meeting her.

4 When I (see) the man, he (stand) outside the bank. He (have) a black baseball cap on.

5 When I (open) the cupboard door, a pile of books (fall) out.

6 I (walk) along the street when I suddenly (feel) something hit me in the back. I (not / know) what it was.

7 We (go) to London yesterday, but on the way

We (hear) about a bomb scare in Oxford Street. So

We (drive) back home straightaway.

8 Something very strange (happen) to me on my way home from work yesterday afternoon. I (drive) along the bypass at the time. Suddenly I (see) my mother in the seat beside me. But she died three years ago.