

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.
- Carly/be) at the science club last week? ^a _____ (she/give) her presentation? ^b _____
- _____ (you/download) those games recently? ^a _____ (they/be) free? ^b _____

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

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.

She ⁴ _____ (cook) my favourite pizza.

P: And what about your children?

S: Oh yeah, the kids! They ⁵ _____ (do/homework) upstairs in their bedrooms.

P: And your mother-in-law?

S: Oh yes, of course. Er ... She ⁶ _____ (stand) in the kitchen with my wife. They ⁷ _____ (talk).

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

S: Er ... pictures?

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.

1 _____ (Archimedes/have) a bath when he shouted 'Eureka!'

2 Mark Zuckerberg _____ (study) at Harvard University when he created Facebook.

3 _____ (Isaac Newton/sit) under an apple tree when he thought of his theory of gravity?

4 Marie Curie _____ (not/live) in Poland when she won her first Nobel prize in 1903.

5 Art Fry created Post-it-notes when he _____ (work) for 3M.

6 George and Diane _____ (visit) a school when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

6 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

What *were you doing* (you/do) the last time you Well, fisherman and journalist Al McGlashan ¹ _____ (see) something truly amazing? 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.

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

- Sorry, I ^a *had* / *was having* a shower when you ^b *called* / *were calling*.
- Did* Lola stand / *Was* Lola standing outside when it ^a *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* / *were n't skiing* when the bad weather ^b *came* / *was coming*.

4 Choose the correct past forms of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- Tom was downloading music when his computer was getting the virus. ^a *He was clicking* on an icon and nothing happened.
- Annabelle visited the zoo when she saw an elephant for the first time. ^a *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. ^a *The girls were playing tennis when Helen was breaking her arm.*
- Was the computers working this morning when you arrived? ^a *6*