

1 Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the past simple or past continuous.

- I fell asleep when I was studying. (study)
- My friends were looking after a rabbit until their friend (return) home.
- The lion was sleeping when I (see) it at the zoo.
- What you (do) when I phoned?
- I (not watch) the lion when it woke up.
- The penguins (eat) and the dolphins were jumping when we arrived.
- The teacher (pick up) a pen while the students were doing their exam.

2 Circle the correct ending, A, B or C.

- I was feeding my rabbit when my phone
A rang. **B** ring. **C** was ringing.
- What was the baby doing when his mum
A was coming in? **B** come in? **C** came in?
- We were surprised when we saw everyone
A is sitting in silence. **B** sat in silence.
C was sitting in silence.
- Juan didn't say anything when he saw his friend
A left. **B** leaved. **C** was leaving.
- My best friend was crying because
A were breaking her phone. **B** her sister broke
C she break her phone. her phone.
- When the teacher came in, the students
A weren't working. **B** weren't work.
C aren't work.
- The girl fell and hurt her leg when she
A ran after a chicken. **B** runs after a chicken
C was running after a chicken.

3 Put the verb in brackets into the past simple or past continuous and then match the sentences.

- When I was getting G
- When we arrived at the
A TV while I (watch) it!
B the mouse (appear).
C (play) football in the park.
D night when my friend (phone) me.
E (pick up) bananas when I arrived.
F zoo, the elephants were (eat).
G on the bus, a dog *bit* (bite) me.

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past simple or past continuous

- The teacher arrived (arrive) while we were copying (copy) our homework.
- The dog (run) around the park when it (see) the cat.
- My baby brother (cry) all morning until we (turn on) the TV.
- While Susan (study), her phone (ring).
- Somebody (pick up) my phone while I (not look).
- What other animals you (see) when the lions (sleep)?
- The children (cry) a lot while we (look after) them.

5 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- When we walk we saw a monkey on the road. were walking
- It is raining all last winter in my town.
- The old woman was get off the bus when she saw her friend.
- I turned off the TV when my father saying it was time for bed.
- My mother came in and saw we aren't looking after our baby sister.
- The boy play football in the garden when the rain started.
- When we went home, we saw the rabbit at the roundabout.

6 Complete Robbie's short story with the verbs in the box in the past simple or past continuous.

be have play run shout start
 stop talk

Last summer I ¹ had a very strange experience. I ² ball in the park when suddenly it became very dark. I couldn't see anything. I was afraid. I started to run to the entrance. While I ³, I heard a scream. I stopped and was looking for help when something caught my leg. It was a little dog. It was biting me and I ⁴ "stop" when a little girl came from behind a tree. "Don't worry," she said, "It is only playing." I ⁵ crying and the dog stopped biting me. "Talk to it," she said. I wasn't sure but I touched the dog on its head and it ⁶ to lick me. Suddenly, it was bright again. I looked around but there was nobody. "Where are you?" I asked but the dog and the girl weren't there. I ⁷ to myself! I woke up in my bedroom. It was just a dream.

1

- 2 returned
- 3 saw
- 4 were you doing
- 5 wasn't watching
- 6 were eating
- 7 picked up

6

- 2 was playing
- 3 was running
- 4 was shouting
- 5 started
- 6 tried
- 7 was talking

2

- 2 C
- 3 C
- 4 C
- 5 B
- 6 A
- 7 C

3

- 2 F, were eating
- 3 C, was playing
- 4 A, was watching
- 5 D, phoned
- 6 E, were picking up
- 7 B, appeared

4

- 2 was running, saw
- 3 was crying, turned on
- 4 was studying, rang
- 5 picked up, wasn't looking
- 6 did see, were sleeping
- 7 cried, were looking after

5

- 2 is, was
- 3 get, getting
- 4 saying, said
- 5 aren't, weren't
- 6 play, was playing
- 7 went, were going