

1 **Circle** the shorter action in the past that interrupts the action or event that was in progress. **Underline** what was in progress.

- The shoplifter was trying to steal some perfume when the store detective caught her.
- Our friends were enjoying themselves at the party when we arrived.
- I saw a well-dressed elderly man vandalising a building when I was walking to school yesterday.
- While we were swimming in France on our holidays, the pool manager gave my dad a fine for wearing loose-fitting shorts!
- Did you see anyone suspicious when you were waiting for the bus yesterday?

2 **Decide if the verbs in brackets should be in the past simple (PS) or the past continuous (PC). Write the correct verbs.**

- Mum was making dinner when I (ask) her if I could go and meet my friends. PS asked
- They (play) tennis when it started to rain.
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- The thieves (rob) the bank when the police arrived at the crime scene.
- A bald, middle-aged burglar (fall) out of a window while he was burgling a house.
- The pickpocket who stole my grandpa's wallet (wear) a cap and a dark coat.
- While I was waiting for the show to begin, I (make) myself a drink.

3 **Underline** the verb that is wrong in each sentence and write the correct form.

- I was walking along the road when I was finding £10. found
- While he was deciding which T-shirt to buy, a shoplifter was appearing next to him and put a T-shirt right into her bag!
- We shook with fear when the thieves came out of the bank. We were so afraid!
- My grandma went to the police station because it was holding an identity parade to find the pickpocket who was stealing her bag.
- While he was watching TV, the police were ringing to say they had caught the vandal who damaged his car.

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box in the past simple and past continuous.

buy	catch	do	go	ring
see	steal	stop	walk	wear

- Were you going to school when the police stopped the suspicious-looking car?
- Mum the dog in the park when she the police chasing two men.
- Jamie his expensive watch when the pickpocket his wallet?
- While my parents food at the supermarket, the store detective a shoplifter and called the police.
- How many students their homework when the bell ?

5 **Underline** and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- I broke my arm when I skis. was skiing
- The thieves steal over £100,000 while they were robbing the bank.
- While they were sleep last night, the vandals covered their front door in graffiti.
- Did you felt bored while you were watching the film? I didn't enjoy it at all!
- Edward saw some criminals get arrested for theft when he travelling in Asia.
- Mum and dad make dinner when we arrived home from school.

6 Write the correct the pronoun in each sentence.

- Hannah bought herself a new dress.
- They made a picnic for the school trip.
- Luckily, Julian didn't hurt when he fell off his bike.
- Did you enjoy in London, Kate?
- I taught to speak some Spanish before our holiday to Spain last summer.
- We didn't buy concert tickets after all because they were so expensive.

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- 1 *ask = PS; asked*
- 2 *play = PC; were playing*
- 3 *rob = PC; were robbing*
- 4 *fall = PS; fell*
- 5 *wear = PC; was wearing*
- 6 *make = PS; made*

3

- 1 was finding; *found*
- 2 was appearing; *appeared*
- 3 shook; *were shaking*
- 4 was stealing; *stole*
- 5 were ringing; *rang*

4

- 1 *Were / going, stopped*
- 2 *was walking, saw*
- 3 *Was / wearing, stole*
- 4 *were buying, caught*
- 5 *were doing, rang*

5

- 1 *skis; was skiing*
- 2 steal; *stole*
- 3 were sleep; *were sleeping*
- 4 felt; *feel*
- 5 travelling; *was travelling*
- 6 make; *were making*

6

- 1 *herself*
- 2 *themselves*
- 3 *himself*
- 4 *yourself*
- 5 *myself*
- 6 *ourselves*