

4 Past progressive or simple past?

Put in the correct tense.

1. While Emma and Nasreen (*watch*) _____ TV, their father (*come*) _____ in and (*say*) _____, "You're watching too much TV."
2. Barker (*run*) _____ away while Jade (*have*) _____ fun at the swimming pool. He (*start*) _____ to chase Tiger. While he (*chase*) _____ Tiger, a man (*throw*) _____ a stone after him and (*shout*) _____, "Stop it!"
3. While his father (*sleep*) _____, Terry (*begin*) _____ to practise. He (*play*) _____ the drums very loud. So his father (*wake up*) _____ and (*be*) _____ very angry.
4. While her father (*cook*) _____ spaghetti, Jade (*play*) _____ with the candles in the living-room. But Barker (*see*) _____ this and (*bark*) _____. Jade's dad then (*come*) _____ into the room and (*tell*) _____ Jade to stop.
5. While Mrs Carter (*teach*) _____ German irregular verbs to Class 7A, Sam (*try*) _____ to write a note to a friend. But Mrs Carter (*see*) _____ it and (*give*) _____ him some extra work. At home: When Sam's mother (*see*) _____ him he (*do*) _____ his extra work. She (*be*) _____ angry, too!

Lösungen

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- a) Das *past progressive* wird gebildet aus der Vergangenheitsform von *to be (was/were)* und der *ing*-Form.
- b) Das *past progressive* wird verwendet, um auszudrücken, dass etwas in der Vergangenheit gerade passierte und noch nicht abgeschlossen war.

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1. Emma was talking to her friend.
2. Terry and Rob were running after some girls!!!
3. Nasreen was writing a note to her sister Emma.
4. Mrs Carter was checking the playground.
5. Two boys from Year 10 were smoking behind a tree.
6. Lisa was playing football with some other girls.
7. And Sam? He was doing his homework.

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When it started to rain ...

1. two girls were laughing.
2. a little girl was eating an ice-cream.
3. a dog was sleeping on the beach.
4. two boys were playing football.
5. children were building a sand castle.
6. a girl was reading a book.
7. two girls were playing volleyball.
8. a man was listening to the radio.
9. a cat was eating a sandwich.

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1. While Emma and Nasreen were watching TV, their father came in and said, "You're watching too much TV."
2. Barker ran away while Jade was having fun at the swimming pool. He started to chase Tiger. While he was chasing Tiger, a man threw a stone after him and shouted, "Stop it!"
3. While his father was sleeping Terry began to practise. He played the drums very loud. So his father woke up and was very angry.
4. While her father was cooking spaghetti, Jade was playing with the candles in the living-room. But Barker saw this and barked. Jade's dad then came into the room and told Jade to stop.
5. While Mrs Carter was teaching German irregular verbs to Class 7A, Sam tried to write a note to a friend. But Mrs Carter saw it and gave him some extra work. At home: When Sam's mother saw him he was doing his extra work. She was angry, too.