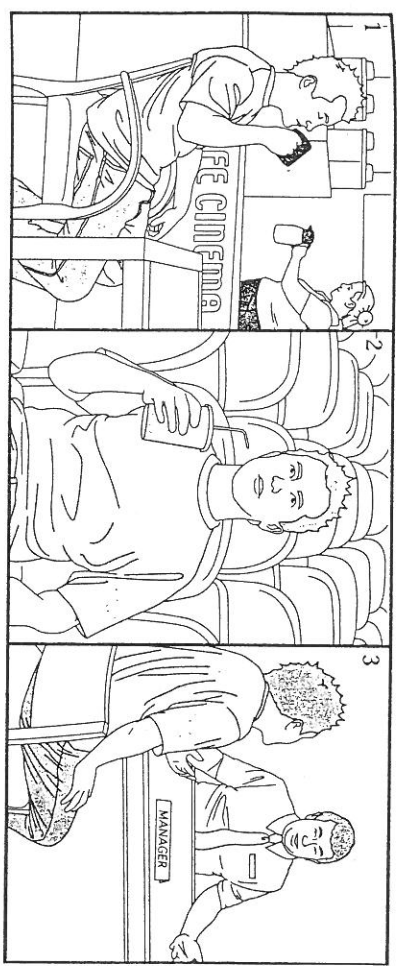


PAST TENSES

Context listening:

Look at each picture of Donny. Where is he?



Listen and check if you were right. What news does Donny tell his mother?

Listen again and answer the questions below.

- 1 What did Donny's mother do at eight o'clock?
 - 2 Why didn't he answer his phone?
 - 3 What did she do at nine o'clock?
 - 4 Why wasn't his phone switched on?
 - 5 What did she do at ten o'clock?
 - 6 Why didn't he answer his phone at ten o'clock?
- Now listen again and read the recording script on p.183 to check your answers.
- Look at your answers to A3 and answer these questions.
- 1 Which sentences contain the past simple?
 - 2 Which sentences contain the past continuous?
 - 3 Which sentences tell you about a past activity which continued for some time?
 - 4 Which sentences tell you about a single event?

Exercises:

4. Read this email and underline the best tense for each verb.

Hi Bea

A funny thing **1 happened/was happening** to me and my flatmates on Saturday. On Friday night we **2 went/were going** to the college party. There were some new students there and we **3 met/were meeting** someone called Lucas. We **4 invited/were inviting** him to Sunday lunch. It was a great party so we **5 didn't go/weren't going** home until three o'clock.

Of course, we **6 didn't get/weren't getting** up early on Saturday morning. At half past twelve I **7 watched/was watching** TV in my pyjamas. Marie **8 had/was having** a shower and Wendy **9 read/was reading** a magazine. Suddenly someone **10 rang/was ringing** the doorbell. I **11 looked/was looking** out of the window to see who was there. Lucas **12 stood/was standing** on the step. I **13 went/was going** to the door but I **14 didn't open/wasn't opening** it. I said 'Hello?' and he said 'Hello. I've come for lunch.' Oh no! He'd got the wrong day!!

We **15 got/were getting** dressed in three minutes! Luckily we **16 had/were having** enough food, and he seemed to enjoy it. How was your weekend? Love Annette

2. Read this newspaper article and put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense, past simple or past continuous.

An honest customer

Yesterday Jon Atkins **1 went** (go) into Harpers' Art Gallery at the end of the afternoon. He **2 was** (want) to buy a present for his mother. It **3 was** (be) nearly closing time and owner Michael Harper **4 was** (count) the money. Quickly Jon **5 chose** (choose) a small picture and Mr Harper **6 wrapped** (wrap) it for him.

While **7 he was** (wait) for his bus, Jon **8 decided** (decide) to look at the picture again. In the parcel he **9 found** (find) £500 in cash as well as the picture. He

10 (run) back to the shop. It was closed so Jon **11** (look) through the window.

Michael Harper **12** (search) under the counter, and his assistants **13** (look) in all the cupboards and drawers. 'I **14** (knock) on the window and **15** (wave) the money at them,' said Jon.

'I was so happy,' said Mr Harper. 'It's wonderful to know that there are honest people like Jon.'