

## THE SIMPLE PAST AND THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the SIMPLE PAST or the PAST PROGRESSIVE of the verbs in parentheses. Include any other words in parentheses. Pay attention to word order.

1. We (*have*) \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful brunch yesterday to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
2. We (*have, at home*) \_\_\_\_\_ our anniversary brunch when my aunt called to congratulate us yesterday.
3. Part A: Why is Harry in the hospital?  
Part B: He (*work, in his garage*) \_\_\_\_\_ on his motorcycle when the gas tank (*explode*) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Part A: What (*cause*) \_\_\_\_\_ the explosion?  
Part B: Harry (*light*) \_\_\_\_\_ a cigar.
4. Part A: I'm sorry, Officer. I (*notice, not*) \_\_\_\_\_ the stop sign. I (*concentrate*) \_\_\_\_\_ on something else.  
Part B: What (*you, think*) \_\_\_\_\_ on? You should have been concentrating on your driving. You could have killed somebody.
5. Uncle Bill invited me to go over to his apartment, but I (*want, not*) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave home because I (*wait*) \_\_\_\_\_ for a SKYPE call.
6. Nancy (*hear, not*) \_\_\_\_\_ her parents arguing last night. She (*listen, in her room*) \_\_\_\_\_ to heavy metal music.
7. When Rick (*stop*) \_\_\_\_\_ his car suddenly, the produce (*fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ out of the plastic bag they were in and (*spill*) \_\_\_\_\_ all over the floor of the car.
8. When the door-to-door saleswoman (*come*) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday, Clara (*hear, not*) \_\_\_\_\_ the doorbell because she (*dry, in the bathroom*) \_\_\_\_\_ her hair with her hair dryer.
9. When I was a kid, my mother always (*serve*) \_\_\_\_\_ brownies and milk to my friends and me when we (*go*) \_\_\_\_\_ to my house after school.
10. When we (*look*) \_\_\_\_\_ in on our baby last night, he (*sleep*) \_\_\_\_\_ . I think he (*dream*) \_\_\_\_\_ about something cute because he (*grin*) \_\_\_\_\_ .