

The Robbery



ANSWER KEY

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Grammar: The Past Continuous Tense

Exercise 1 What were they doing?

1. Jim was swimming.
2. Sandra was drawing a picture.
3. Wendy was telephoning her friend.
4. Joe was climbing a tree.
5. Maria was sweeping the floor.
6. John was playing soccer.
7. The boys were fighting.
8. Trevor was writing a letter.
9. Sally was reading a magazine.

Exercise 2

1. I **was walking** along the street when it **started** to rain so I **took** out my umbrella.
2. The boys **were playing** soccer when the accident **happened**. Someone **called** an ambulance.
3. While they **were waiting** for the ambulance to arrive, a police car **drove** by.
4. A tyre **burst** while the airplane **was taking** off. Then the pilot **returned** to the airport.
5. There **was** a loud noise outside while the baby **was sleeping** which **woke** the baby.

Vocabulary

Exercise 1

1. c
2. f
3. a
4. j
5. b
6. i
7. d
8. e
9. g
10. h

Exercise Crossword

ACROSS

1. refreshing
4. thieves
6. fluffy
7. drop
8. jewellery

DOWN

2. empty handed
3. scream
4. towel
5. valuable
7. dream

Comprehension

Exercise 1 True or False?

1. No
2. No
3. No
4. No
5. No
6. No
7. Yes
8. No

Exercise 2

1. Kamala was in the bathroom.
2. She was looking forward to a good night's sleep.
3. The thieves thought she was already asleep because they couldn't see any lights in the house.
4. No, they were there for a short time only.
5. They put lots of valuable things such as jewellery in their bags.
6. When Kamala saw the thieves she screamed loudly.
7. When the thieves saw Kamala they ran out of the house as quickly as possible and dropped their bag.
8. No they didn't. They left empty-handed.
9. Yes, Kamala's husband was in the house.
10. He didn't hear anything because he was asleep. He was having sweet dreams.

Writing

Exercise 1 Gap-fill

One evening Kamala 1. was having a shower in the bathroom. It had been a long day and she was tired. She 2. felt good as she poured the cool, refreshing water over her head. She 3. was looking forward to a good night's sleep after such a hard day's work. While she 4. was having the shower, she couldn't hear anything. She 5. didn't hear two thieves 6. break / breaking into her house through a window downstairs. The two thieves, Sid and Fred, thought that Kamala 7. was asleep already because they couldn't 8. see any lights in the house.

Exercise 2 Police interview

(These are sample questions. Others are possible.)

Question: *How many thieves were there? / How many thieves did you see?*

Answer: There were two of them.

Question: *Did you see their faces? / Could you recognise them?*

Answer: No, they were wearing masks.

Question: *Did you hear anything happening downstairs? / Did you see them break into the house?*

Answer: No, I didn't. I was having a shower upstairs.

Question: *Did they take anything with them? / Did they steal anything?*

Answer: No, they didn't. They dropped everything.

Question: *Where was your husband while all this was happening? / What was your husband doing?*

Answer: He was asleep in bed!