

## Simple past or past progressive?

**Task 1: Complete the following text and decide whether you have to use the simple past or the past progressive tense.**

Yesterday at six o'clock in the evening, I \_\_\_\_\_  
(to read) a book while my brother \_\_\_\_\_ (to  
watch) TV when my father \_\_\_\_\_ (to arrive). My  
brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ (to wash) our hands and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to go) down to the living room. A couple of  
minutes later we \_\_\_\_\_ (to eat) and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to watch) a new TV show at the same time. We  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to sit) on the couch and \_\_\_\_\_  
(to enjoy) our excellent dinner when we suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (to  
hear) a weird noise. We \_\_\_\_\_ (to feel) confused and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not to know) where this strange noise  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to come) from. My brother \_\_\_\_\_  
(to get up) first and \_\_\_\_\_ (to look) through the window. Then he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to point) at something strange out there. What we then  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to see) in our garden \_\_\_\_\_ (to  
leave) us all speechless. While my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (to  
discuss), my brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ (to decide) to go outside.  
Step by step, we \_\_\_\_\_ (to get) closer to the strange thing...

**Task 2: Continue the story in your Canada book for homework and texts. Write at least ten short sentences. You have to use both the simple past and the past progressive.**