

**QUIZ 9: Simple Past vs. Past Progressive**

Complete the following sentences. Use the words in parentheses. Use the **past progressive** and the **simple past** in the completions.

1. Yesterday I watched the NASCAR competition. Juan Pablo Montoya (lead) \_\_\_\_\_ the race when he (have) \_\_\_\_\_ an accident with another car.
2. Last night, I stayed alone at home. I (read) \_\_\_\_\_ when Mary (come) \_\_\_\_\_ in suddenly. She made me scream!
3. I spent yesterday afternoon watching TV. When Susan (call) \_\_\_\_\_, I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ The Simpsons.
4. You won't believe this: A mouse (appear) \_\_\_\_\_ on my desk while I (study) \_\_\_\_\_. It was horrible!
5. My brother came home late last night. I (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ when he (enter) \_\_\_\_\_ my bedroom to ask me for money.
6. I (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ my car back home yesterday afternoon, when a tree (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ across the street. I almost crashed my car against that tree!
7. Yesterday I class, while the teacher (speak) \_\_\_\_\_, Tom (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to throw paper balls outside the window.
8. Last Sunday at the cinema, while we (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ the movie, a crazy man (dance) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the screen. Security had to come and took him out. It was very funny.
9. Last Saturday at the park, a thief (try) \_\_\_\_\_ to grab my dad's arm while he (jog) \_\_\_\_\_. Dad was lucky; a policeman was near them.
10. The worst thing happened to me yesterday morning. While I (take) \_\_\_\_\_ a shower, my friend Adriana (call) \_\_\_\_\_. I was alone, so I had to get out to answer the phone!