

**3 Complete the sentences with suitable verbs from the box. Use the past simple or past continuous. 2.39 Listen and check.**

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- 1 I ..... at the bus stop when I ..... the car slam into the lamp-post.
- 2 The icy wind ..... through the trees as we ..... on our journey.
- 3 Brad ..... exhausted so he ..... onto the sofa, ..... the button on the remote control and ..... for an evening vegetating in front of the box.
- 4 The twins ..... the afternoon shopping because they ..... for their flatmates that evening.
- 5 Unfortunately for us, we ..... on the wrong side of Miami when Hurricane Andrew ..... the city.
- 6 Share prices ..... when the government ..... record growth figures.
- 7 Karen and Anna first ..... writing to each other about their research when they ..... for their doctorates.
- 8 I ..... early the next morning so I ..... to have an early night.
- 9 My younger brother ..... the driving test five times before he ..... to pass.
- 10 I ..... Clare at the supermarket the other day and she ..... that you might be looking for work.

**4 Find eight mistakes with past forms and correct them. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.**

- 1 Lady Jane Grey used to be Queen of England for only nine days in 1553.
- 2 What were the children doing while their mother was visiting her sister in the hospital?
- 3 The huge liners doing the journey from Europe to the United States would be extremely comfortable for the first class passengers but those travelling in steerage suffered appalling conditions.
- 4 The victim was talking on her mobile phone while her attacker struck from behind.
- 5 Mary didn't join us yesterday evening because she expected a phone call from her son in Australia.
- 6 Before printing and literacy became widespread, people would get news from the town crier, who would shout out anything newsworthy for the whole town to hear.
- 7 I'm sure that children didn't use to being so undisciplined when we were at school!
- 8 The fox cubs were coming into our garden several times during the spring to try to get our chickens.
- 9 Gerald wasn't used to having such dark hair – do you think he's coloured it?
- 10 Sorry I'm late. I was expecting to catch the early train but I got held up in traffic on the way to the station.
- 11 Would your mother work when you were a child or did she stay at home?
- 12 I found it really difficult when I got the job on the early news programme as I really wasn't used to getting up at five o'clock in the morning!