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!