**Exercises**

**Choose the correct verbs so that *each tense appears once*.  
*Simple past, past progressive, past perfect simple, past perfect progressive***

1. **We  to the cinema last week.**
2. **A bird pooed on the window that I  only a minute before.**
3. **Yesterday at nine he  in front of his computer.**
4. **When their mum got home, the boys  TV for two hours.**

**Complete the sentences for situations in the past. Decide which tense you need to use.**

1. **A plumber *(come)*  to our house yesterday.**
2. **He *(want)*  to repair our washing machine that *(break)*  a few days before.**
3. **Before he *(ring)*  at my door, he *(look)*  for a parking space for about ten minutes.**
4. **While the plumber *(repair)*  the washing machine, I *(watch)*  the news.**
5. **Suddenly, I *(realise)*  that they *(show)*  our street on TV.**
6. **The reporter *(say)*  that a car *(crash)*  into a stop sign just before reaching the crossroads.**
7. **While I *(listen)*  carefully to what *(happen)* , someone *(knock)*  at my door.**
8. **I *(open)*  the door and *(see)*  a police officer standing there.**
9. **He *(ask)*  for the plumber.**
10. **As it *(turn)*  out, it *(be)*  our plumber’s car that *(roll)*  down the street.**
11. **In his haste, the plumber *(forget)*  to put the handbrake on.**

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**Mr. Sherlock Holmes, who (be)usually very late in the mornings, save upon those not infrequent occasions when he was up all night, was seated at the breakfast table. I (stand)**

** upon the hearth-rug and (pick up) the stick which our visitor (leave)**

** behind him the night before. It was a fine, thick piece of wood, bulbous-headed, of the sort which is known as a "Penang lawyer." Just under the head (be) a broad silver band nearly an inch across. "To James Mortimer, M.R.C.S., from his friends of the C.C.H.,"was (engrave)**

** upon it, with the date "1884."It was just such a stick as the old-fashioned family practitioner used to carry--dignified, solid, and reassuring."Well, Watson, what (you, make)**

** of it?"Holmes (sit) with his back to me, and I (give) him no sign of my occupation."How (you, know) what I (do)? I (believe) you have eyes in the back of your head."**

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