

Ex 1- Prétérit simple ou prétérit en be+ing

- 1- You (look) looked very busy last night when I (see) saw you. What (you/ do) were you doing ?
- 2- What (happen) happened when she (realize) realized he (lie) was lying to her ?
- 3- I (not be) was not sorry I (have to) had to leave early because actually I (not enjoy) was not enjoying myself
- 4- Why (you/ lend) did you lend him my laptop ? I (think) was thinking of sending a few e-mails during the weekend
- 5- I last (see) saw him at the airport. I (ask) asked him where he (go) was going. He (tell) told he (fly) was flying to Los Angeles. I (not believe) did not believe him, there (be) were no scheduled flights to Los Angeles that day.
- 6- She (wear) was wearing no hat. At that moment, she (be) was being very beautiful. Her eyes (go) went to Arbutnot for a minute. She (say) said to Poirot : « (you/wish) you wish to see me ? ». « I (wish) wish to ask you, mademoiselle, why you (lie) were lying to us this morning ? » « (I/ lie) lied to you ? I don't know what you mean. » « You (conceal) were concealing the fact at the time of the Armstrong tragedy you (actually live) were actually living in the house. »

Ex 2- Prétérit ou present perfect

- a- I (begin) began to go to school alone from the age of 6
- b- Where is he ? I'm afraid he (go) has gone away. I think he (leave) left an hour ago
- c- It's the most beautiful experience I (ever have) have ever had ; I (feel) feel as if I (be) am the smartest person in the world !
- d- He (buy) bought a new computer yesterday. In fact it is the first time he (use) has used one. He (already start) has already started trying to use it but he (not read) has not read the instructions yet.
- e- Yesterday I (be trying) was trying to get a drink from the dispenser in the staff room. I (put) put several coins in, but with no result. A colleague of mine (draw) drew near me and (say) said : « those machines never work. Try shaking it. » « I (try) tried but I (already lose) had already lost several coins ». « Why don't you give a kick ? ». « I (not try) have not tried, well, let's ». I (give) gave it a gentle kick and it (work) worked : I (get) got coffee mixed with orange juice.