

**GRAMMAR U4.** Reviewing past tenses.

**1. Choose the correct form.**

1. While I **prepared / was preparing** the medication, the patient **arrived / was arriving**.
2. Yesterday at 10 a.m., I **cleaned / was cleaning** the counter.
3. The assistant **labelled / was labelling** bottles when the phone **rang / was ringing**.
4. We **checked / were checking** prescriptions when the computer **crashed / was crashing**.
5. The patient **waited / was waiting** while the pharmacist **explained / was explaining** the treatment.
6. At that moment, the technician **dispensed / was dispensing** the drugs.
7. The pharmacy **closed / was closing** while customers **waited / were waiting** outside.
8. The assistant **didn't notice / wasn't noticing** the error at first.

**2. Correct the mistake in each of the sentences.**

- I was prepare the medication.  
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- The patient was waiting when I was arriving.  
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- We checked prescriptions while the computer crashed.  
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- The assistant were organising the shelves.  
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- Did the pharmacist explaining the dosage to the patient?  
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- They was cleaning the counter at that moment.

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- The technician didn't noticed the mistake.

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- While the assistant labelled the medicines, the phone was ring.

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**3. Complete the text. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

Yesterday morning, the pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) very busy. At 9:30 a.m., the pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_ (**prepare**) medication for a patient while the assistant \_\_\_\_\_ (**organise**) the shelves. Suddenly, the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (**ring**), and the pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_ (**answer**) it.

While the technician \_\_\_\_\_ (**check**) the dosage, a customer \_\_\_\_\_ (**arrive**) at the counter with a prescription. The patient \_\_\_\_\_ (**wait**) quietly while the pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_ (**explain**) how to take the medicine.

Later, the pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ (**close**) for lunch, and the staff \_\_\_\_\_ (**clean**) the counter. At that moment, they \_\_\_\_\_ (**talk**) about the morning and how busy it \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**).