

Grammar 2

Past simple and past continuous

1 Circle the correct words.

I went / was going to bed at 9pm last night because I was tired.

- 1 We talked / were talking to Evie and Laura when my phone rang.
- 2 What were you doing when the wildfire started / was starting?
- 3 My parents met / were meeting at university.
- 4 I dropped my phone while I sent / was sending Oliver a text message.
- 5 I flew / was flying to France on holiday last year.

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

They were playing computer games when the lights went out. (play / go)

- 1 We _____ the fire while we _____ home. (notice / drive)
- 2 They _____ TV when they _____ the earthquake. (watch / feel)
- 3 The avalanche _____ while they _____. (begin / ski)
- 4 I _____ about the plane crash while I _____ to the news. (hear / listen)
- 5 Sonia _____ into her car when the tornado _____. (get / started)



3 Order the words to make questions.

weather / nice / the / yesterday morning / Was ?

Was the weather nice yesterday morning?

- 1 sleeping / tornado / you / started / the / Were / when ?

- 2 going / Where / you / were ?

- 3 when / saw / tornado / did / do / you / What / the / you ?

- 4 doing / other / were / What / people ?

- 5 long / last / the / How / did / tornado ?

4 Write answers to the questions in exercise 3.

yes / sun / shine.

Yes, it was. The sun was shining.

- 1 no / take / the dog for a walk.

- 2 go / to the park.

- 3 hold on / to a tree.

- 4 run away / and shout.

- 5 last / for about 10 minutes.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

5 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 I was walking in the park when _____.
- 2 While it was raining _____.
- 3 When it snowed last winter _____.