❶ Fill in the blanks by using either the **SIMPLE PAST** or the **PAST CONTINUOUS**.

1. They ..... (watch) TV when suddenly they ..... (hear) a strange noise.
2. I ..... (phone) Peter an hour ago. He ..... (write) a letter.
3. We ..... (ask) Susan to come with us, but she ..... (want) to watch the film on TV.
4. While I ..... (drive) to work this morning, I almost ..... (have) an accident.
5. When I ..... (look) for his address, I ..... (come) across an old photo.
6. I ..... (play) the piano when my brother ..... (fall) down the stairs.
7. Linda was exhausted. At 7 p.m. she ..... (still / paint) her living-room.
8. While my sister ..... (do) the washing-up, I ..... (clean) my bedroom.

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