

## 2D

### Grammar

## Contrast: past simple and past continuous

I can distinguish the use of the past simple and the past continuous.

### 1 Choose the correct tense to complete the sentences.

- 1 Jake looked at the weather outside: it was grey, but it didn't rain / wasn't raining.
- 2 You didn't answer when I phoned you this morning. What did you do / were you doing?
- 3 Lucy switched off her computer, put on / was putting on her coat and left / was leaving the office.
- 4 She closed the window because some children made / were making a lot of noise outside.
- 5 When I told my friends about the robbery, they didn't believe / weren't believing me.
- 6 She didn't hear the doorbell because she had / was having a shower.

### 2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of one verb and the past continuous form of the other.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Henry as I \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) to the sports centre.
- 2 While we \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the picnic, it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
- 3 All my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the party when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
- 4 As we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) by the river, we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a shout.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) very much while we \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in that hotel.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) my dad's coffee while he \_\_\_\_\_ (not look).
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) her new phone as she \_\_\_\_\_ (put) it in her pocket.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a really interesting person while I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus.

### 3 Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

In January 2014, a doctor from New Zealand <sup>1</sup>had (have) a frightening experience with a shark – but his calm reaction <sup>2</sup>(make) him the star of news reports around the world.

James Grant <sup>3</sup>(fish) with friends one Saturday when a shark attacked him. He <sup>4</sup>(not see) anything, but he <sup>5</sup>(felt) a sudden pain in his leg. At first, he thought that his friends <sup>6</sup>(play) a prank on him. He <sup>7</sup>(turn) around – but nobody <sup>8</sup>(be) behind him. Then he <sup>9</sup>(realise) what <sup>10</sup>(happen).

### 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- 1 I hurt my finger while I was playing the guitar. I was playing the guitar when I hurt my finger.
- 2 I was walking home when it started to rain. While I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 She broke her leg while she was learning to ski. She was learning \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 He was making lunch when he suddenly felt ill. As he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 She was telling me about her party when she started to laugh loudly. She started \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6 I lost my wallet while I was shopping. While I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 As the band were playing their first song, all the lights went out. The band were playing \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5 Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Use the past simple or past continuous.

- 1 As I was getting off the bus, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 We were trying to find our hotel when \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 An amazing thing happened as \_\_\_\_\_.

Luckily, James <sup>11</sup>(carry) a knife so he <sup>12</sup>(use) it to fight off the shark. Then he <sup>13</sup>(get) out of the water and <sup>14</sup>(look) at his leg. The bites were 5 cm long and they <sup>15</sup>(bleed) a lot. James <sup>16</sup>(clean) his leg. Then he and his friends <sup>17</sup>(go) to a nearby café! While they <sup>18</sup>(enjoy) a drink, somebody <sup>19</sup>(give) James a bandage because his leg <sup>20</sup>(bleed). He <sup>21</sup>(go) to hospital for some treatment, but on Monday he was back at work.