# Narrating an event: Past Simple or Continuous

**1) Complete the sentences with WHEN or WHILE**

1- Maria had a coffee _____ Max was doing the shopping.
2- We were walking home_____ we saw the fire.
3- _____ the plane landed, Elena was waiting at the airport.
4- _____Richard was checking the map, I got some petrol.
5- _____ I arrived home, everyone was watching TV.
6- What were you doing _____ I was doing the housework?

**2) Read the sentences and choose the correct option**

1. What DID YOU DO/ WERE YOU DOING when you arrived back home yesterday evening? Did you watch TV ?
2. While everyone at home WATCHED / WAS WATCHING TV, I READ / WAS READING a book.
3. When the film FINISHED / WAS FINISHING, we LEFT / WERE LEAVING the cinema.

**3) Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs, past simple or past continuous. (Use short form for the negatives – didn't / wasn't/ weren't)**

**Situation 1**

A What _____ (you/do) when I _____ (arrive)?

B Tammi _____ (play) the piano and we _____ (paint) in the kitchen.

A I thought the phone _____ (ring).

B I don't think so. We _____ (not hear) anything.

**Situation 2**

A How _____ (your brother/take) this blurred photo of the tsunami?

B He _____ (relax) at the beach when he _____ (see) an enormous wave coming. He _____ (pick) his camera and while the people around him _____ (run) to save their lives, he _____ (take) this amazing picture! He survived, luckily!