

NAME

CLASS

DATE

MARK

1 Choose the correct item.

- 1 I **was walking** / **walked** around the city all day yesterday.
- 2 The Smiths **aren't painting** / **weren't painting** their house last weekend.
- 3 Tom **cleaned** / **was cleaning** the living room when Jane arrived.
- 4 The children **were playing** / **played** all day yesterday.
- 5 At 8 o'clock last night, we **were having** / **had** dinner at a Chinese restaurant.
- 6 Emma **was walking** / **walked** to school while John was sleeping.
- 7 Mark **didn't wear** / **wasn't wearing** a coat when it started to rain.
- 8 **Is** / **Was** Peter baking a cake yesterday?
- 9 While I **was visiting** / **visited** my grandparents, my sister was watching a film at the cinema.
- 10 The boys **weren't playing** / **didn't play** basketball at 4 o'clock yesterday.
- 11 **Did** / **Were** the students playing in the garden yesterday afternoon?
- 12 Frank **was fixing** / **fixed** his car when his mobile rang.
- 13 The girls **aren't shopping** / **weren't shopping** last Saturday morning.
- 14 Cynthia was reading a book while John **was sunbathing** / **sunbathed**.
- 15 Jane was cooking when the telephone **was ringing** / **rang**.
- 16 Faye **wasn't** / **didn't** studying at 9 o'clock last night.
- 17 **Did** / **Were** the students writing an essay in class this morning?
- 18 The Petersons were travelling in Europe when a thief **was breaking** / **broke** into their house.
- 19 He **is** / **was** driving to work this morning when Jane called.
- 20 While my parents **were working** / **was working**, I was studying at home.
- 21 Simon **went** / **was going** to bed early last night.
- 22 Dad **was** / **did** watering the plants while Mum was **did** / **doing** the laundry.
- 23 I **walked** / **was walking** home when I **tripped** / **was tripping** and fell.
- 24 What were you doing when the lights **were going** / **went** out?
- 25 I was **shopped** / **shopping** when my mobile

2 Fill in the gaps by putting the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *past continuous*.

Dear Jenny,

I am writing to you to tell you what 1) (happen) to me yesterday while I

2) (walk) to school. I 3) (talk) on the phone

to my friend, Adam, when I 4) (slip) and 5)

(fall) on the pavement. It was really embarrassing! Now I'm trying to be more careful!

Take care,

Charlotte