

I can talk about an event in the past and what was happening around it.

● Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He found some unusual plants while he was visiting (visit) Mexico.
- 2 They _____ (not listen) when the guide explained the dangers of eating wild plants.
- 3 What _____ (you/do) when you saw the avalanche?
- 4 They _____ (swim) in the sea when they saw the shark.
- 5 _____ (it/rain) when you left home?
- 6 Someone took my camera while I _____ (not look).

● Choose the correct option.

- 1 I was running for the bus when I dropped / *was dropping* my phone.
- 2 Jack fell asleep while he *watched* / *was watching* the film.
- 3 We were walking home when the wind *started* / *was starting* to get stronger.
- 4 My cousins *stayed* / *were staying* in Japan when the earthquake happened.
- 5 The bear *appeared* / *was appearing* while we were walking down the mountain.
- 6 The postman *came* / *was coming* while we were having breakfast.

● Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We saw (see) something strange in the sky while we were looking (look) at the stars.
- 2 The sun _____ (shine) when we _____ (arrive) at the beach.
- 3 While I _____ (wait) for the bus, I _____ (text) a few friends.
- 4 Jenna _____ (cry) when I finally _____ (find) her.
- 5 We first _____ (hear) about the storm while we _____ (have) dinner.
- 6 When I _____ (arrive) at Paula's house, she _____ (sit) outside in her garden.

4 ● Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- 1 I hurt my arm while I was playing tennis yesterday.
- 2 Jess was waiting for us _____ we got home.
- 3 We stayed inside _____ the snow was falling.
- 4 _____ my phone rang, I was watching TV.
- 5 The weather changed suddenly _____ we were thinking about what to do.

5 ● Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs below.

climb do eat fall find (x2) have (x2)
look for lose not stop shine start

- A: ¹Did you have a good time on your Geography trip last week?
- B: Yes, we ²_____ a great time in the morning while the sun ³_____. But it ⁴_____ to rain while we ⁵_____ our lunch, and it ⁶_____ for the rest of the day!
- A: Oh dear! Where ⁷_____ you _____ these amazing rocks?
- B: I ⁸_____ them while we ⁹_____ plants near the river.
- A: They're lovely. But it's a pity about your camera. What ¹⁰_____ you _____ when you ¹¹_____ it?
- B: I ¹²_____ over some rocks when I ¹³_____ and dropped it into the river.