

3.2 Past progressive and simple past

A Correct the mistakes in each sentence.

- 1 We were living in London when the London Eye was opening. **opened**
- 2 Jan was having an accident while she was sailing in the Pacific.
- 3 While they asking for directions, I looked at a guide book.
- 4 She traveled through China when she first met Clive.
- 5 The pilot was landing the plane when the crash was happening.
- 6 When the ferry crossed the ocean, we saw some dolphins.
- 7 She swam in the lake when something was biting her leg.

B Match to make sentences.

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| 1 We were sailing around the island | a I dropped my phone. |
| 2 While I was taking photographs, | b while she was lying by the pool. |
| 3 They were not paying attention | c while he was biking across Italy. |
| 4 Someone stole her bag | d while it was taking off. |
| 5 He met Rob | e when they got on the wrong bus. |
| 6 Some birds hit the plane | f when I started to feel sick. |

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A Complete the conversations with the past continuous or simple past forms of the verbs. Then practice with a partner.

1. **A:** What were you doing
(do) last night when the storm
_____ (begin)?

B: I _____ (use) my computer.
While I _____ (write) my report,
the electricity suddenly _____
(go) off.

A: _____ you _____
(lose) your work?

B: Yeah. Unfortunately, I _____
(need) to do it again.

2. **A:** How _____ you
_____ (break) your foot?

B: Oh, I _____ (ski).

A: Really? _____ it
_____ (hurt)?

B: Of course! But fortunately, someone
_____ (call) an ambulance.

A: That's good.

B: Yeah, and while I _____ (wait),
my friends _____ (bring) me
hot chocolate.

Read the postcard. Then complete it with the correct form of the verb.



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FOR ADDRESS ONLY

I'm having a fun time on my trip, but something scary happened last week.

I ¹ _____ (travel) in Vietnam with a group of people.

We ² _____ (walk) through the forest when suddenly the guide ³ _____ (yell).

He ⁴ _____ (not speak) English so we ⁵ _____ (run) to see what the problem was. We ⁶ _____ (see) a huge snake.

It was about three meters long. My heart ⁷ _____ (beat) really fast when the guide ⁸ _____ (pick) it up and ⁹ _____ (move) it into the trees.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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