

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Exercise 7

Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

His phone **rang** while he **was doing** the exam. (ring/do)

1. May _____ sweets when her tooth _____. (eat/break)
2. While I _____ the door, I _____ white paint on my trousers. (paint/get)
3. What _____ they _____ about when we _____ into the room? (talk/come)
4. While we _____ at the bus stop, we _____ an accident. (wait/see)
5. What _____ you _____ while you _____ with your mum? (buy/shop)
6. She _____ to the shops when someone _____ her handbag. (walk/steal)
7. While I _____ on the beach, my brother _____ for a swim. (lie/go)
8. Sam _____ on the bus when a bird _____ in through the window. (sit/fly)
9. _____ you _____ your phone while you _____ for the bus? (drop/run)
10. I _____ to music when my dad _____ me to switch it off. (listen/tell)

Exercise 10

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

We **were sitting** (sit) in the back of a big jeep.

No one 1 _____ (talk). All of us 2 _____ (look) intently through the windows of the car.

Outside the African sun 3 _____ (shine), hot and bright, but nothing 4 _____ (move).

Then suddenly, we 5 _____ (see) it – an elephant. It 6 _____ (appear) from a small group of trees and 7 _____ (start) to walk slowly towards the jeep. While it 8 _____ (come) towards us, I 9 _____ (get) my camera and 10 _____ (take) some photos.

The elephant 11 _____ (continue) in our direction. It was huge, much bigger than you 12 _____ (can) imagine.

Someone asked the guide, "Is this dangerous? Will the elephant stop?"

The guide 13 _____ (not say) anything. He switched off the car engine and 14 _____ (give) a signal to be silent.

Now some of us were getting nervous. My hands 15 _____ (shake) and my heart 16 _____ (beat) very fast.

The elephant 17 _____ (stop). It looked at the jeep for a long time. Then it simply 18 _____ (turn) around and 19 _____ (walk) back into the trees.

Everyone breathed again. It was amazing!