

## Grammar 2

### Past simple and past continuous

#### 1 Circle the correct words.

I went / was going to bed at 9pm last night because I was tired.

- We talked / were talking to Evie and Laura when my phone rang.
- What were you doing when the wildfire started / was starting?
- My parents met / were meeting at university.
- I dropped my phone while I sent / was sending Oliver a text message.
- I flew / was flying to France on holiday last year.

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

They were playing computer games when the lights went out. (play / go)

- We \_\_\_\_\_ the fire while we \_\_\_\_\_ home. (notice / drive)
- They \_\_\_\_\_ TV when they \_\_\_\_\_ the earthquake. (watch / feel)
- The avalanche \_\_\_\_\_ while they \_\_\_\_\_. (begin / ski)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ about the plane crash while I \_\_\_\_\_ to the news. (hear / listen)
- Sonia \_\_\_\_\_ into her car when the tornado \_\_\_\_\_. (get / started)



#### 3 Order the words to make questions.

weather / nice / the / yesterday morning / Was ?

Was the weather nice yesterday morning?

- sleeping / tornado / you / started / the / Were / when ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- going / Where / you / were ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- when / saw / tornado / did / do / you / What / the / you ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- doing / other / were / What / people ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- long / last / the / How / did / tornado ?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Write answers to the questions in exercise 3.

yes / sun / shine.

Yes, it was. The sun was shining.

- no / take / the dog for a walk.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- go / to the park.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- hold on / to a tree.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- run away / and shout.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- last / for about 10 minutes.  
\_\_\_\_\_



### EXPRESS YOURSELF

#### 5 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- I was walking in the park when \_\_\_\_\_.
- While it was raining \_\_\_\_\_.
- When it snowed last winter \_\_\_\_\_.