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PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

1. Look at the table. Complete the rules with **when** and **while**.

past continuous and past simple
I was sitting on my bed <b>when</b> I heard a noise.
I heard a noise <b>while</b> I was sitting on my bed.

- a) We usually use the past simple after \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) We usually use the past continuous after \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Make sentences about Jay's family using the past simple and past continuous.  
His mum / cook / when / she / hear a shout.  
*His mum **was cooking** when she **heard** a shout.*

- a. His brother / eat / when / the lights / go out.

\_\_\_\_\_.

- b. His dad / walk down the street / when / the ground / move.

\_\_\_\_\_.

- c. Jay's sister / talk to her friends / when / somebody / shout 'Earthquake!'

\_\_\_\_\_.

- d. His grandparents / watch TV / when / everything / fall off the shelves.

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Ingrid!

We're having lots of adventures on our holiday. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (stay)  
at a campsite near a river, we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a terrible experience. There \_\_\_\_\_ (be)  
a flood while we \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep). When we \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up), we  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) wet.

Hope you're having a good summer!

Jack

4. Read the text and choose the correct words.

Dinosaurs \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth when they suddenly \_\_\_\_\_.

Many scientists believe that a natural disaster killed them. How many years ago did it happen?

- a) 5 million                      b) 15 million                      c) 65 million

In the year 79 AD, there was a terrible volcanic eruption near an Italian city. Many people were trying to escape \_\_\_\_\_ they died. Where was it?

- a) Rome                      b) Pompeii                      c) Venice

In September of this year, London \_\_\_\_\_ burning! The fire started by accident and it \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed large areas of the city. What was the year?

- a) 1444                      b) 1555                      c) 1666

On 1<sup>st</sup> November 1755, a terrible disaster destroyed the beautiful city of Lisbon in Portugal. However, the people were \_\_\_\_\_ their city and made it beautiful again. What was the disaster?

- a) an earthquake                      b) a tornado                      c) a flood

On 15<sup>th</sup> April 1912, a ship was crossing the Atlantic Ocean to the USA when it \_\_\_\_\_ hit an iceberg. The ship sank. What was the ship's name?

- a) The Golden Hind                      b) The Titanic                      c) The Santa Maria

5. Listen and check your answers.