

Exercise 1

Write the correct form of the verb in brackets to complete each sentence.

- 1 Gemma met her husband while they were both _____ (travel) in India.
- 2 Where were you going when I _____ (see) you yesterday?
- 3 I was living abroad when the accident _____ (happen).
- 4 As he was _____ (wait) for Anna, he looked around the room.
- 5 While I was walking to the park, I suddenly _____ (have) a great idea.
- 6 As Paula was _____ (get) on the train, she fell and hurt her knee.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct word or words.

- 1 Who **were you talking to / did you talk to** when I saw you in the café yesterday?
- 2 While Suzi was cleaning the house, she **was finding / found** a ring under the sofa.
- 3 As we were eating our meal, we **were hearing / heard** a loud noise in the next room.
- 4 She often **listened / was listening** to music while she was working.
- 5 As we were **said / saying** goodbye, she gave me a present.
- 6 What **did you do / were you doing** while your friends were playing tennis?

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

getting | dropped | met | having | working | visiting

- 1 While I was _____ Tom, I helped him with his computer.
- 2 Tara learned to speak Spanish while she was _____ in Madrid.
- 3 As I was _____ dressed, I felt a sudden pain in my arm.
- 4 Greta and Martin were _____ an argument when I arrived.
- 5 When I _____ John, he was studying at Liverpool University.
- 6 As Martha was giving me the glass, she _____ it and it broke.

Exercise 4

Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 What were they doing | a while I was having a shower. |
| 2 While I was waiting for my dad, | b was having my dinner. |
| 3 As we were leaving, we noticed | c your parents were on holiday? |
| 4 When Robert arrived, I | d I read a magazine. |
| 5 My friend Maria called | e when the lights went out? |
| 6 What did you do while | f some men outside the house. |

Exercise 5

Which sentences are correct?

- 1 As I was checking my email, Peter came into the office.
- 2 Someone was stealing Maria's passport while she slept.
- 3 I watched a movie when Ben called to tell me the news.
- 4 While Pat was shopping, I had a cup of coffee in a café.
- 5 As we were climbing up the hill, we were noticing several black clouds in the sky.
- 6 I was driving to my mother's house when I saw a horse in the road.

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Exercise 6

Choose the correct word.

The lost handbag

As I ¹**was come / am coming / was coming** home from work yesterday, I ²**was seeing / saw / see** something on the pavement. It was a woman's handbag. I picked it up and looked in it. I found a card with a phone number. I called the number and a woman answered. 'I ³**was cycling / to cycle / cycled** to work when I ⁴**drop / was dropping / dropped it,**' she explained, 'but I only noticed a minute ago. I was very worried!'

She said she could come straight away. It was a sunny day, so while I ⁵**was waiting / was wait / wait** for her, I ⁶**was sitting / am sitting / sat** on a bench and read the newspaper.