

## 2D

### Grammar

## Contrast: past simple and past continuous

*I can distinguish the use of the past simple and the past continuous.*

### 1 Choose the correct tense to complete the sentences.

- 1 Jake looked at the weather outside: it was grey, but it didn't rain / wasn't raining.
- 2 You didn't answer when I phoned you this morning. What did you do / were you doing?
- 3 Lucy switched off her computer, put on / was putting on her coat and left / was leaving the office.
- 4 She closed the window because some children made / were making a lot of noise outside.
- 5 When I told my friends about the robbery, they didn't believe / weren't believing me.
- 6 She didn't hear the doorbell because she had / was having a shower.

### 2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of one verb and the past continuous form of the other.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Henry as I \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) to the sports centre.
- 2 While we \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the picnic, it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
- 3 All my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the party when I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
- 4 As we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) by the river, we \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a shout.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) very much while we \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in that hotel.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) my dad's coffee while he \_\_\_\_\_ (not look).
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) her new phone as she \_\_\_\_\_ (put) it in her pocket.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a really interesting person while I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus.

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

In January 2014, a doctor from New Zealand <sup>1</sup>had (have) a frightening experience with a shark – but his calm reaction <sup>2</sup> (make) him the star of news reports around the world.

James Grant <sup>3</sup> (fish) with friends one Saturday when a shark attacked him. He <sup>4</sup> (not see) anything, but he <sup>5</sup> (feel) a sudden pain in his leg. At first, he thought that his friends <sup>6</sup> (play) a prank on him. He <sup>7</sup> (turn) around – but nobody <sup>8</sup> (be) behind him. Then he <sup>9</sup> (realise) what <sup>10</sup> (happen).



Luckily, James <sup>11</sup> (carry) a knife so he <sup>12</sup> (use) it to fight off the shark. Then he <sup>13</sup> (get) out of the water and <sup>14</sup> (look) at his leg. The bites were 5 cm long and they <sup>15</sup> (bleed) a lot. James <sup>16</sup> (clean) his leg. Then he and his friends <sup>17</sup> (go) to a nearby café! While they <sup>18</sup> (enjoy) a drink, somebody <sup>19</sup> (give) James a bandage because his leg <sup>20</sup> (bleed). He <sup>21</sup> (go) to hospital for some treatment, but on Monday he was back at work.