

1 Grammar: past progressive

4 Listening: Festa del Redentore

2 Grammar: simple past or past progressive

5 Reading: festivals in Japan

3 Grammar: *when* and *while*

1 Complete the sentences with the correct past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 They _____ (celebrate) the Saints' Day festival when we arrived.
- 2 They _____ (build) the stage for the music festival for four days.
- 3 Martha and I _____ (live) in Madrid at the time.
- 4 The procession _____ (go) down Rua da San Sebastian when the accident happened.
- 5 We _____ (not play) the music too loudly, were we?
- 6 _____ you _____ (go) to tell me?
- 7 Donna _____ (look) forward to the craft exhibition, so she was sad when she heard that she couldn't go.
- 8 Michael _____ (not plan) to spend very long at the party, but then he changed his mind when his friends arrived.
- 9 Why _____ he _____ (look) at me in that strange way all afternoon?
- 10 I _____ (hope) to save some money for my vacation next year.

2 Complete the paragraph with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

I'll tell you about something disappointing that (1) _____ (happen) to me once. We (2) _____ (live) in Brazil at the time and I (3) _____ (teach) in a small school on the north-east coast. We decided to explore some of the country, so we (4) _____ (book) some tickets to travel to Rio de Janeiro. A colleague suggested going in February because this was the best time for carnival. We were planning to take a whole month's vacation, but then (5) _____ (decide) against it because we didn't really have enough money. Anyway, after we had booked our tickets, we found a hotel to stay in and (6) _____ (arrange) to meet a friend who (7) _____ (study) at the university there. I (8) _____ (look forward to) going so much that I could hardly think about anything else! Anyway, the day of our departure arrived and we (9) _____ (get) ready to leave when the telephone (10) _____ (ring). It was my father telling me my mother wasn't very well and I had to fly back home right away. I did, and luckily she was fine, but it was a shame I didn't manage to get to the best-known carnival in the world!

3 Check the sentences that are correct.

- 1 Kevin was taking a bath when I knocked on the door.
- 2 I was cooking while the telephone rang.
- 3 While Maggie was preparing lunch, Terry was watching a movie.
- 4 What was happening when you got there?
- 5 I was beginning to think they weren't coming while someone rang the doorbell.
- 6 What did you do when you found out he was seeing someone else?