

Grammar past simple and past continuous

- 3 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verb in brackets.
- 1 It was raining (rain) when we left the house.
 - 2 The children _____ (sleep) when we got home.
 - 3 My partner didn't call because his mobile phone _____ (not work).
 - 4 What _____ you _____ (talk) about when I came in?
 - 5 Who _____ (drive) when the accident happened?
 - 6 You _____ (not watch) the TV so I turned it off.
 - 7 I _____ (live) in Paris when I met my husband.
 - 8 We _____ (dance) when the lights went out.

- 4 Write sentences with *when*. Use the past simple and the past continuous.

- 1 I / drop a glass / I / do the washing up
I dropped a glass when I was doing the washing up.
- 2 we / study in the library / the fire / start

- 3 my partner / break his leg / he / play football

- 4 a thief / take my bag / I / sit in the park

- 5 you / come out of the supermarket / I / see you

- 6 my friends / wait outside the cinema / I / arrive

When Larry Walters was a teenager, he ¹ saw (see) some balloons while he ² _____ (do) the shopping one day. He ³ _____ (think) about using them to fly, but he ⁴ _____ (not try) the idea until twenty years later. He ⁵ _____ (ask) his girlfriend and a friend to tie 45 balloons to a garden chair which he ⁶ _____ (sit) in. Then, they ⁷ _____ (fill) the balloons with helium. Immediately, Larry ⁸ _____ (rise) to a height of 3,600 m and he was very frightened. Then he noticed that the chair ⁹ _____ (go) towards Los Angeles Airport. Fortunately, he ¹⁰ _____ (come) down three-quarters of an hour later – before he reached the airport.

- 5 Complete the article with the past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

