ESLWORKSHEETS

FORTUNATELY, UNFORTUNATELY
Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. Choose the correct verb form.

1. I **saw / was seeing** a very good programme on TV last night.

2. While I **shopped / was shopping** this morning, I **lost / was losing** my money. I don't know how.

3. Last week the police **stopped / were stopping** Alan in his car because he **drove / was driving** over hundred and eighty km an hour.

4. How **did you cut / were you cutting** your finger?

5. I **cooked / was cooking** and I **dropped / was dropping** the knife.

6. When I **arrived / was arriving** at the party, everyone **had / was having** a good time.

7. **Did you have / Were you having** a good time last night?

2. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. While I _____(go) to work this morning, I _____(meet) an old friend.

2. I _____(not want) to get up this morning. It _____(rain) and it was cold, and my bed was so warm.

3. I _____(listen) to the news on the radio when the phone _____(ring).

4. But when I _____(pick) up the phone, there was no one there.

5. I _____(say) hello to the children, but they didn't say anything because they _____(watch) television.

3. Choose the correct form of the verbs:

1. I **met / was meeting** a friend while I **did / was doing** the shopping.

2. I **paid / was paying** for my things when I **heard / was hearing** someone call my name.

3. I **turned / was turning** round and **saw / was seeing** Paula.

4. She **wore / was wearing** a bright red coat.

5. We **decided / were deciding** to have a cup of coffee.

6. While we **had / were having** a drink, a waiter **dropped / was dropping** a pile of plates.

7. We all **got / were getting** a terrible shock.

8. While the waiter **picked / was picking** up the broken plates, he **cut / was cutting** his finger.