GRAMMAR Past simple and continuous

1 Choose the correct verb forms.

A young woman ¹ became / was becoming a local hero yesterday. Shelley O'Reilley ² worked / was working at a hairdresser's in New York, USA, when two young men in their mid-twenties ³ walked / were walking in. They ⁴ stole / were stealing a phone that belonged to a young girl.

Shelley said, 'I ⁵ was cleaning / cleaned the floors. They ⁶ were leaving / left the hairdresser's and, as they ⁷ walked / were walking towards the door, they kept looking back at me.' She ⁸ guessed / was guessing what they ⁹ did / were doing.

She ¹⁰ ran / was running out of the hairdresser's and, as they ¹¹ got / were getting into their car, she put her foot in the door so that they couldn't shut it. One of them tried to hit her but then Shelley ¹² saw / was seeing a police car. The police quickly ¹³ stopped / were stopping the thieves.

2 Choose the best answer in each sentence.

- 1 What were you doing yesterday at 5 pm?
 - a I listened to music and did my homework.
 - b I was listening to music and doing my homework.
- 2 Who were you talking to this morning?
 - a My Mum phoned because she wanted me to buy some bread.
 - b My Mum was phoning me because she wanted me to buy some bread.
- 3 What happened to your foot?
 - a I was playing football and fell over.
 - b I was playing football and was falling over.
- 4 Did you enjoy the dinner last night?
 - a Yes, it was great. I was eating pizza.
 - b Yes, it was great. I ate pizza.
- 5 Did you hear the doorbell?
 - a No, I was sleeping.
 - b No, I slept.

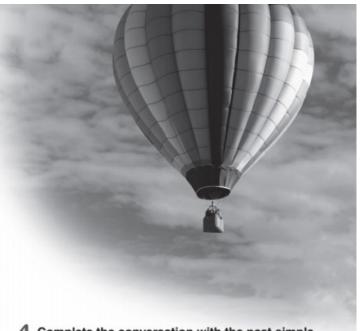
3 Make sentences using the past simple or past continuous.

1	I / have	breakfast /	with /	mv	family	/ at 7	am
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2 Those boys / take / photos / their pets / for two hours.

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- 3 Mum / tell / us / a story about / Grandma / when / her phone / ring.
- 4 In the picture / the little boy / point at / the plane / in the sky.
- 5 Mark / not wave / at Julie / because / not / see her.
- 6 You / not wear / a blue T-shirt this morning / it / red.



4 Complete the conversation with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

be	get	imagine	look	love
run	see	sing	take	think

- A: That's a good photo. Tell me about it!
- B: I 1 before school down the road late as usual! It 2 abeautiful day and the birds 3 I 4 about my English homework. I had to write a story about a photo. I didn't know what to write. You know, when you have no ideas! But then I 5 up and I 6 this amazing hot air balloon above me! I 7 out my phone and 8 a photo.
- A: Did you write about it for your homework?
- B: I did! I ⁹.....the lives of the people in the balloon. My teacher ¹⁰....the story! I got a great mark!

5 O Correct the mistakes in these sentences or tick () any you think are correct.

- They played games in the game centre when I saw them.
- 2 On Saturday, although it was raining, I went to the fun fair with my friends.
- 3 In the evening we were going to cinemas and theatres.
- 4 It was summer but it snowed when I woke up.
- 5 I arrived home in the morning, then I was sleeping all day.

