



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.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- 1 I hurt my finger while I was playing the guitar.
I was playing the guitar when I hurt my finger.
- 2 I was walking home when it started to rain.
While I _____.
- 3 She broke her leg while she was learning to ski.
She was learning _____.
- 4 He was making lunch when he suddenly felt ill.
As he _____.

