Past continuous and Past simple

5 a Put the verb in the correct tense, Past continuous or Past simple.



1 I _____ (watch) TV at home, when someone _____ (come) to the door.
2 My mother _____ (phone) while I _____ (prepare) dinner.
3 When we _____ (arrive) home, some friends _____ (wait) for us.
4 As I _____ (walk) along the street, I _____ (see) an old friend.
5 When I _____ (wake) up, everyone _____ (look) at me.
6 Jane _____ (see) another guest who _____ (wear) exactly the same hat!

6 Read the story of when Dave Mascott met his hero, and put the verb in brackets in the Past simple or Past continuous.

The famous American rock star Bob Goldhart (a) *was doing* (do) a tour of Britain when he (b) _____ (meet) British rock star Dave Wells at a party. As he (c) _____ (leave), Dave (d) _____ (invite) Bob to come to his house and (e) _____ (tell) him the address. But Bob (f) _____ (made) a mistake as he (g) _____ (write) down the address: he wrote 'Addison Street' instead of 'Addison Road'.

The next day, Helen Mascott of 145 Addison Street, London (h) _____ (listen) to the radio in her kitchen when the doorbell (i) _____ (ring). A man with long hair (j) _____ (stand) outside. She (k) _____ (think) the man (l) _____ (look) familiar but (m) _____ (not say) anything. 'Is Dave in?' the man (n) _____ (ask) politely. The woman – whose husband's name was also Dave – (o) _____ (explain) that Dave (p) _____ (do) the shopping, but he would be back in a few minutes.

She (q) _____ (invite) Bob Goldhart to come in and wait. While Helen (r) _____ (make) some coffee, he (s) _____ (look) around the living room and (t) _____ (be) very happy to see all of his albums!

A few minutes later, Dave (u) _____ (arrive) home. 'You've got a visitor,' Helen (v) _____ (tell) her husband. When Dave – a big, big fan of Bob Goldhart – (w) _____ (open) the living room door and (x) _____ (see) who (y) _____ (wait) for him ... he (z) _____ (faint)!

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