

## Talking about past events

### Simple past and past continuous

#### 1 Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **forgot** / **was forgetting** to make my bed this morning.
- 2 While we **lived** / **were living** in France, we got up early every day.
- 3 When I was nine years old, I **had** / **was having** a pet mouse.
- 4 Last weekend, I **won** / **was winning** a prize in a talent contest.
- 5 We didn't go out because it **snowed** / **was snowing**. We waited until it stopped.
- 6 Sue **didn't come** / **wasn't coming** to the movie theater with us, so she missed the movie.

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 Last night, we ..... (watch) a horror movie on TV. It was great.
- 2 Penny ..... (not sleep) when I knocked on her door. She was still awake.
- 3 When we got to the classroom, all the other students ..... (sit) in their chairs.
- 4 Dan ..... (not know) who was outside. He felt scared.
- 5 It ..... (not rain) when we left home. That's why we didn't take an umbrella.
- 6 I'm sorry. I ..... (not see) you there.
- 7 Alicia ..... (buy) a souvenir at the airport before she got on the plane.
- 8 While the thief ..... (try) to climb through the window, the police arrived.

#### 3 Complete the dialogues with the answers below.

No, she wasn't.    No, we didn't.    Yes, he did.    Yes, they did.    Yes, they were.

- 1 A Did you see the game on TV last night?  
B .....
- 2 A Was Amira playing a computer game when you called her?  
B .....
- 3 A Were they waiting for a long time?  
B .....
- 4 A Did Dan do his homework?  
B .....
- 5 A Did Harry and Joe go to the party?  
B .....

4 Complete the questions with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses. Then write the answers so that they are true for you.

- When ..... (you / arrive) at school today?  
I ..... .
- What ..... (your classmates / do) when you got to school?  
They were ..... .
- What ..... (you / have) for dinner yesterday evening?  
I ..... .
- Who ..... (you / talk) to on the phone when I saw you earlier?  
I was ..... .
- 5 ..... (it / rain) when you started doing this exercise?  
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5 Complete the sentences using the simple past or past continuous.

- Joe / live in Sweden, / he / meet Jenny  
While Joe ..... .
- I / see Karen, / she / wear a red dress  
When ..... .
- Dan / get home, / he / feel tired  
When ..... .
- we / watch TV, / we / hear a noise outside  
While ..... .
- she / fall, / she / not hurt herself  
When ..... .

6 Complete the blog post with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

When I <sup>1</sup> ..... (be) four years old, I <sup>2</sup> ..... (go) on vacation with my mom, dad, and sister. It <sup>3</sup> ..... (take) a long time to go by car to our hotel by the ocean. So, while we <sup>4</sup> ..... (drive) along the highway, we <sup>5</sup> ..... (sing) songs because we <sup>6</sup> ..... (not want) to fall asleep. That was ten years ago, but I still have a clear memory of that day, a memory of my family and me singing in very loud voices. Last weekend, after dinner, while I <sup>7</sup> ..... (clear) the table and my sister <sup>8</sup> ..... (put) the dishes in the dishwasher, I <sup>9</sup> ..... (remind) her of that vacation, and of my first memory. "But we <sup>10</sup> ..... (not sing) one song during the whole car ride," she said. "While Dad <sup>11</sup> ..... (drive), you <sup>12</sup> ..... (not sing); you <sup>13</sup> ..... (sleep). You <sup>14</sup> ..... (not wake) up until the end of the car ride." My sister is 19 now, so she was nine years old ten years ago, and she has a better memory than me. So, it seems that my first memory isn't true at all.



7 Put the words in the correct order to make questions. There is one extra word. Then answer the questions with your own ideas. Write full sentences.

1 were / do / did / what / you / last weekend / ?

2 where / you / on vacation last year / did / do / go / ?

3 were / daydreaming about / are / in the last class / what / you / ?

4 you / ate / eat / for lunch / did / the day before yesterday / what / ?

5 time / this morning / were / you / what / you / did / get up / ?

6 at this time yesterday / you / what / were / did / doing / ?