Grammar in context 2

Past simple and past continuous

1 ☆ Choose the correct alternative.

1 **A:** *Did/Were* you studying late last night?
B: No, I *went/was going* to bed early.

2 **A:** *Did/Were* you finish your project last weekend?
B: Yes, I *was finishing/finished* it this morning.

3 **A:** What *you were/were you* doing when I phoned yesterday?
B: I *played/was playing* a game on the Internet.

4 **A:** Where *did you buy/were you buying* those nice shoes?
B: My mother *was giving/gave* them to me for my birthday.

5 **A:** Why *weren't you saying/didn't you say* hello to me at the party?
B: I'm so sorry – I *wasn't seeing/didn't see* you!

2 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs given.

1 While Anna ..... (listen) to music, she ..... (fall) asleep.

2 They ..... (meet) while they ..... (study) at university.

3 I ..... (not carry) my umbrella when it ..... (start) to rain.

4 Rosie and Paul ..... (not wait) for us when we ..... (arrive) at the coffee shop.

5 You ..... (not look) when the teacher ..... (show) us the answers.

4 ☆☆☆ Write questions and short answers using the prompts below.

1 you / go to the supermarket / when / I / see / you / this morning ✓
A: ..... ?
B: .....

2 your teacher / go / into / the classroom / while / she / talk on her phone ✗
A: ..... ?
B: .....

3 Luke / study / in the library / when / we / leave / school ✓
A: ..... ?
B: .....

4 we / drive / past Martin / while / he / walk / to school ✗
A: ..... ?
B: .....

5 you / listen / to music / when / I / email / you / last night ✗
A: ..... ?
B: .....

6 Marta and Joe / buy / milk / when / they / shop / this morning ✓
A: ..... ?
B: .....

Grammar challenge ☆☆☆

5 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Not all of the sentences contain mistakes.

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5 You ..... (not look) when the teacher ..... (show) us the answers.

3 ☆☆☆ **Complete the text with the past simple or present continuous form of the verbs given.**

CHARLIZE'S BIG BREAK



In 1994, actor Charlize Theron **(a)** ..... (live) in Los Angeles in California. She **(b)** ..... (try) to get a job in the film industry. She didn't have much work and she **(c)** ..... (not earn) much money. She **(d)** ..... (need) the money from a cheque for some work as a model. She **(e)** ..... (go) to a bank, but they didn't want to give her the money. While she **(f)** ..... (ask) the bank clerk for help, a man **(g)** ..... (wait) in the queue behind her and he **(h)** ..... (watch) her. He was an actors' agent. She **(i)** ..... (talk) to the clerk when he **(j)** ..... (help) her and **(k)** ..... (gave) her his business card. He **(l)** ..... (introduce) her to famous film producers. Now she is a top star in Hollywood!

Grammar challenge ☆☆☆

5 **Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Not all of the sentences contain mistakes.**

1 I was talking to Jason when Matt arrived.

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2 When she was looking in her school bag, was Laya finding her pencil sharpener?

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3 Dad was doing the washing while we arrived home after school.

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4 While I was doing my homework, I heard a noise in the attic.

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5 I didn't look when I was hitting my head.

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6 I fell off my bike when I was cycling to my friend's house.

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