

5 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
- 2 Joe and Sam _____ (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
- 3 Who was that guy you _____ (dance) with at the party?
- 4 Paula _____ (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
- 5 In 1999 my father _____ (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
- 6 He _____ (open) the box when he cut his finger.
- 7 This time last week, we _____ (visit) my grandmother.
- 8 I _____ (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
- 9 Andrew _____ (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
- 10 I _____ (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

6 Choose the correct options.

- 1 I *listened* / *was listening* to the radio when I *heard* / *was hearing* this fantastic song.
- 2 When the teacher *said* / *was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried* / *was still trying* to finish the last question.
- 3 I feel really silly! While I *danced* / *was dancing*, I *fell* / *was falling* and *broke* / *was breaking* my elbow.
- 4 Tim *played* / *was playing* a computer game when his mum *called* / *was calling* him for lunch.
- 5 I *looked* / *was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed* / *was noticing* there was a virus.
- 6 Ron *found* / *was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surf*ed / *was surf*ing the internet.
- 7 My mum *had* / *was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled* / *was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
- 8 When you *saw* / *were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go* / *wasn't going* to school, I *went* / *was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
- 9 How many pictures *did you take* / *were you taking* while you *travelled* / *were travelling* around Ireland?
- 10 Why *did you chat* / *were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried* / *was trying* to tell you something really important?

7 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (switch off) the computer because it _____ (make) a strange noise.
- 2 My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
- 3 We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____, (say) 'Turn the volume down!'
- 4 My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
- 5 My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.
- 6 While they _____ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights _____ (go out).
- 7 When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
- 8 When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
- 9 I _____ (try) to log on when the WiFi _____ (stop) working.
- 10 While Dad _____ (print) an article, the printer _____ (run out) of paper.