GRAMMAR Past simple and past continuous

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 The girl was playing basketball
2 My parents were waiting for me
3 My cousin fell off his bike
4 When the teacher came back to the class,
5 While the boy was making a sandwich,
6 While the man was walking his dog,

a he cut his finger.
b all the students were talking.
c when she fell and hurt her arm.
d he found €20 in the street.
e while he was cycling round the park.
f at the airport when I got off the plane.

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

1 We _____ (play) tennis when it _____ (start) to rain.
2 I _____ (walk) through the park when I _____ (find) a wallet.
3 Jo _____ (watch) TV when I _____ (call) her.
4 What _____ (you / do) yesterday afternoon at 3 pm?
5 I _____ (buy) Mum's birthday present while I _____ (shop) with my friends.
6 While we _____ (wait) for the bus, my brother _____ (drive) past.

3 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

1 He was snowboarding _____ he fell and broke his leg.
2 _____ I was sitting on the bus, I saw my English teacher.
3 She learned a lot of English _____ she was living in London.
4 _____ I got home I went into the kitchen.

4 Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentences.

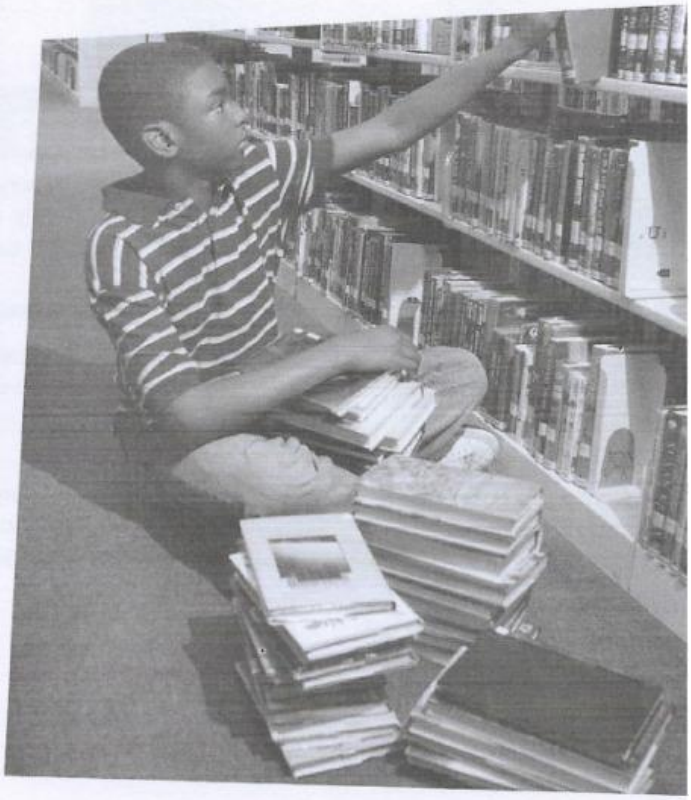
1 I felt very nervous while I _____ the game.
A watched B was watching
2 When I saw them, I _____ in love.
A fell B was falling
3 While we _____ around the castle, we saw a very old picture.
A looked B were looking
4 Yesterday, while I _____ back home, I remembered I left my sunglasses in your house.
A came B was coming
5 When I _____ in the kitchen, I saw a broken window.
A cleaned B was cleaning

VOCABULARY Phrasal verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

get on get off turn on
turn off pick up look after

1 Jenny _____ the TV and did her homework.
2 Tom _____ the bus and sat near the front.
3 Jack _____ the rabbit when Lisa was on holiday.
4 Debbie _____ the train and walked home.
5 Paula _____ the laptop and wrote an email.
6 Amon _____ the book and put it on the shelf.



2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 When she finished her homework, she turned the computer *on* / *off* and went to bed.
2 Freddy got *off* / *on* the bus at the wrong bus stop and had to walk a long way.
3 Finally, we got *on* / *off* the plane and found our seats.
4 Don't leave those papers on the floor. Pick them *up* / *out* and put them on the table.
5 Can you look *for* / *after* my pet mouse when I go away on holiday?
6 Please turn *off* / *on* your phone before you go into the cinema.

LIVEWORKSHEETS