

I can talk about an event in the past and what was happening around it.

● Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He found some unusual plants while he was visiting (visit) Mexico.
- 2 They \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) when the guide explained the dangers of eating wild plants.
- 3 What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) when you saw the avalanche?
- 4 They \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the sea when they saw the shark.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (it/rain) when you left home?
- 6 Someone took my camera while I \_\_\_\_\_ (not look).

● Choose the correct option.

- 1 I was running for the bus when I dropped / *was dropping* my phone.
- 2 Jack fell asleep while he *watched* / *was watching* the film.
- 3 We were walking home when the wind *started* / *was starting* to get stronger.
- 4 My cousins *stayed* / *were staying* in Japan when the earthquake happened.
- 5 The bear *appeared* / *was appearing* while we were walking down the mountain.
- 6 The postman *came* / *was coming* while we were having breakfast.

● Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We saw (see) something strange in the sky while we were looking (look) at the stars.
- 2 The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at the beach.
- 3 While I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus, I \_\_\_\_\_ (text) a few friends.
- 4 Jenna \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) when I finally \_\_\_\_\_ (find) her.
- 5 We first \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) about the storm while we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner.
- 6 When I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at Paula's house, she \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) outside in her garden.

4 ● Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- 1 I hurt my arm while I was playing tennis yesterday.
- 2 Jess was waiting for us \_\_\_\_\_ we got home.
- 3 We stayed inside \_\_\_\_\_ the snow was falling.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ my phone rang, I was watching TV.
- 5 The weather changed suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ we were thinking about what to do.

5 ● Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs below.

climb do eat fall find (x2) have (x2)  
look for lose not stop shine start

- A: <sup>1</sup>*Did* you have a good time on your Geography trip last week?
- B: Yes, we <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a great time in the morning while the sun <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. But it <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to rain while we <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ our lunch, and it <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of the day!
- A: Oh dear! Where <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ these amazing rocks?
- B: I <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ them while we <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ plants near the river.
- A: They're lovely. But it's a pity about your camera. What <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ when you <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it?
- B: I <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ over some rocks when I <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and dropped it into the river.