

### 3.2 Past progressive and simple past

#### A Correct the mistakes in each sentence.

- 1 We were living in London when the London Eye was opening. **opened**
- 2 Jan was having an accident while she was sailing in the Pacific.
- 3 While they asking for directions, I looked at a guide book.
- 4 She traveled through China when she first met Clive.
- 5 The pilot was landing the plane when the crash was happening.
- 6 When the ferry crossed the ocean, we saw some dolphins.
- 7 She swam in the lake when something was biting her leg.

#### B Match to make sentences.

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| 1 We were sailing around the island | a I dropped my phone.               |
| 2 While I was taking photographs,   | b while she was lying by the pool.  |
| 3 They were not paying attention    | c while he was biking across Italy. |
| 4 Someone stole her bag             | d while it was taking off.          |
| 5 He met Rob                        | e when they got on the wrong bus.   |
| 6 Some birds hit the plane          | f when I started to feel sick.      |
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**A** Complete the conversations with the past continuous or simple past forms of the verbs. Then practice with a partner.

1. **A:** What were you doing  
(do) last night when the storm  
\_\_\_\_\_ (begin)?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) my computer.  
While I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) my report,  
the electricity suddenly \_\_\_\_\_  
(go) off.

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_  
(lose) your work?

**B:** Yeah. Unfortunately, I \_\_\_\_\_  
(need) to do it again.

2. **A:** How \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (break) your foot?

**B:** Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_ (ski).

**A:** Really? \_\_\_\_\_ it  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hurt)?

**B:** Of course! But fortunately, someone  
\_\_\_\_\_ (call) an ambulance.

**A:** That's good.

**B:** Yeah, and while I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait),  
my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) me  
hot chocolate.

Read the postcard. Then complete it with the correct form of the verb.



## POSTCARD

FOR WRITING MESSAGE

FOR ADDRESS ONLY

I'm having a fun time on my trip, but something scary happened last week.

I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) in Vietnam with a group of people.

We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through the forest when suddenly the guide <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (yell).

He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not speak) English so we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to see what the problem was. We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a huge snake.

It was about three meters long. My heart <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (beat) really fast when the guide <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) it up and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (move) it into the trees.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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