2D Contrast: past simple and past continuous

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 As I was climbing the mountain,	a when she hit her head on a rock.
2 While we were sailing to Greece,	b I met another hiker on his way down.
3 As the friends were arguing,	c when I saw a bear behind a tree.
4 Jim was swimming in the ocean	d my sister fell into the water.
5 We were driving through the desert	e when he saw a boat in the distance.
6 The girl was kayaking down the river	f they dropped their map into the river.
7 While Anna was exploring the caves,	g when our car broke down.
8 I was cycling through the forest	h she lost her torch.

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



It was a cold, dark evening. The snow [1] was falling (fall) fast and an icy wind [2] _____ (blow). As Rick [3] _____ (walk) home along the empty street, he [4] _____ (see) a strange flash of light in the distance. He [5] _____ (stop). 'Maybe it was just my imagination,' he thought. Then, suddenly, the light [6] _____ (flash) again. As he was watching it, he [7] _____ (hear) a shout in the distance. 'Help me! Please, someone, help me!' He [8] _____ (run) towards the light when something hit his head. Rick [9] _____ (fall) onto the snow. A car door opened and a man [10] _____ (step) out in front of him …

3 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Make up an ending for the story from exercise 2. You can use the ideas below or your own ideas.

- man pushes Rick into car
- car moves / hear a police siren
- police stop car / man runs away
- Rick talks to the police / phone rings
- wake up / all a dream

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