

Grammar in context 2

Past simple and past continuous

1 ★ Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 A: Did/Were you studying late last night?
B: No, I went/was going to bed early.
- 2 A: Did/Were you finish your project last weekend?
B: Yes, I was finishing/finished it this morning.
- 3 A: What you were/were you doing when I phoned yesterday?
B: I played/was playing a game on the Internet.
- 4 A: Where did you buy/were you buying those nice shoes?
B: My mother was giving/gave them to me for my birthday.
- 5 A: Why weren't you saying/didn't you say hello to me at the party?
B: I'm so sorry – I wasn't seeing/didn't see you!

2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs given.

- 1 While Anna (listen) to music, she (fall) asleep.
- 2 They (meet) while they (study) at university.
- 3 I (not carry) my umbrella when it (start) to rain.
- 4 Rosie and Paul (not wait) for us when we (arrive) at the coffee shop.
- 5 You (not look) when the teacher (show) us the  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

3 ★★★ Complete the text with the past simple or present continuous form of the verbs given.

CHARLIZE'S BIG BREAK



In 1994, actor Charlize Theron

(a) (live) in Los Angeles in California. She (b) (try) to get a job in the film industry. She didn't have much work and she (c) (not earn) much money. She (d) (need) the money from a cheque for some work as a model. She (e) (go) to a bank, but they didn't want to give her the money. While she (f) (ask) the bank clerk for help, a man (g) (wait) in the queue behind her and he (h) (watch) her. He was an actors' agent. She (i) (talk) to the clerk when he (j) (help) her and (k) (gave) her his business card. He (l) (introduce) her to famous film producers. Now she is a top star in Hollywood!