

**A** Circle the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 Ann sat / **was sitting** on a bench in the park when the race **began** / was beginning.
- 2 Katie missed / **was missing** her daughter's performance because she **worked** / was working late last night.
- 3 We **didn't have** / were not having fun at the party, so we **decided** / were deciding to go home.
- 4 Michael **didn't study** / wasn't studying for the test, so he **didn't want** / wasn't wanting to take it.
- 5 Angela **listened** / was listening to music while her brother **tried** / was trying to watch the news.

**B** Combine ideas in I and II and form complete sentences, using *when* or *while*. Use the Past Simple or Past Progressive when necessary, as well as any other words you need.

**I**

- 1 eat / dinner
- 2 watch / TV
- 3 sleep / in bed
- 4 talk / phone
- 5 cook / dinner
- 6 play / guitar
- 7 feel / sick
- 8 listen / music

**II**

- ..... a. doorbell / ring
- ..... b. the kids / dance
- ..... c. hear / explosion
- ..... d. fire alarm / go off
- ..... e. rain / fall
- ..... f. call / me
- ..... g. study / test
- ..... h. get home / from school

- 1 *I was sleeping in bed when I heard an explosion. / I was playing guitar while the rain was falling.*
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....

**C** Complete the conversation between a detective and a suspect with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

**Detective:** Where <sup>1</sup>..... (be) you on the night of September 3rd at 21:00?

**Suspect:** I <sup>2</sup>..... (eat) dinner with my son.

**Detective:** Why <sup>3</sup>..... you ..... (eat) so late?

**Suspect:** I <sup>4</sup>..... (finish) work late that night. I usually leave at around 19:00, but as I <sup>5</sup>..... (leave), my boss <sup>6</sup>..... (ask) me to help him with something else.

**Detective:** <sup>7</sup>..... you ..... (go) straight home after work?

**Suspect:** I <sup>8</sup>..... (take) the bus home that night. The bus <sup>9</sup>..... (run) late, so I <sup>10</sup>..... (call) my sister while I <sup>11</sup>..... (wait).

**Detective:** What time <sup>12</sup>..... you ..... (arrive) home?

**Suspect:** Well, I arrived home later than usual. While I <sup>13</sup>..... (ride) home, my son <sup>14</sup>..... (call) and <sup>15</sup>..... (ask) me to buy some pasta for dinner. I <sup>16</sup>..... (stop) at the grocery store and then <sup>17</sup>..... (walk) home.

**Detective:** <sup>18</sup>..... you ..... (see) anything strange at the grocery store?

**Suspect:** Yes. While I <sup>19</sup>..... (leave) the store, a man dressed in black <sup>20</sup>..... (enter).

**Detective:** What <sup>21</sup>..... you ..... (do) next?

**Suspect:** I <sup>22</sup>..... (walk) home quickly because my son <sup>23</sup>..... (wait) for me.

**Detective:** <sup>24</sup>..... you ..... (hear) anything strange while you <sup>25</sup>..... (walk) home?

**Suspect:** Not right away. But while we <sup>26</sup>..... (eat) dinner, we <sup>27</sup>..... (hear) police sirens.