UNIT 5 GRAMMAR: STANDARD

1 **Circle the past simple verbs and underline the past continuous verbs in the sentences.**

1 The shoplifter *was trying* to steal some perfume when the store detective *caught* her.
2 Our friends were enjoying themselves at the party when we arrived.
3 I saw a well-dressed elderly man vandalising a building when I was walking to school yesterday.
4 While we were swimming in France on our holidays, the pool manager gave my dad a fine for wearing loose-fitting shorts!
5 Did you see anyone suspicious when you were waiting for the bus yesterday?

2 **Decide if the verbs in brackets should be in the past simple (PS) or the past continuous (PC).**

1 Mum was making dinner when I (ask) her if I could go and meet my friends. *PS*
2 We (play) tennis when it started to rain. .....
3 The thieves (rob) the bank when the police arrived at the crime scene. .....
4 A bald, middle-aged burglar (fall) out of a window while he was burgling a house. .....
5 The pickpocket who stole my grandpa's wallet (wear) a cap and a dark coat. .....
6 While I was waiting for the show to begin, I (make) myself a drink. .....

3 **Circle the verbs that are wrong in each sentence.**

1 I **was walking** along the road when I **was finding** £10.
2 While he **was deciding** which T-shirt to buy, a shoplifter **was appearing** next to him and put a T-shirt right into her bag!
3 We **shook** with fear when the thieves **came** out of the bank. We were so afraid!
4 My grandma went to the police station because it **was holding** an identity parade to find the pickpocket who **was stealing** her bag.
5 While he **was watching** TV, the police **were ringing** to say they had caught the vandal who damaged his car.

4 **Write the past simple and past continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.**

1 *Were* you *going* to school when the police *stopped* the suspicious-looking car? (go, stop)
2 Mum ..... the dog in the park when she ..... the police chasing two men. (walk, see)
3 ..... Jamie ..... his expensive watch when the pickpocket ..... his wallet? (wear, steal)
4 While my parents ..... food at the supermarket, the store detective ..... a shoplifter and called the police. (buy, catch)
5 How many students ..... their homework when the bell .....? (do, ring)

5 **Correct the mistakes in bold.**

1 I broke my arm when I **skis**. *was skiing*
2 The thieves **steal** over £100,000 while they were robbing the bank. .....
3 While they **were sleep** last night, the vandals covered their front door in graffiti. .....
4 Did you **felt** bored while you were watching the film? I didn't enjoy it at all! .....
5 Edward saw some criminals get arrested for theft when he **travelling** in Asia. .....
6 Mum and dad **make** dinner when we arrived home from school. .....

6 **Correct the pronoun in each sentence.**

1 Hannah bought himself a new dress. *herself*
2 They made yourselves a picnic for the school trip. .....
3 Luckily, Julian didn't hurt itself when he fell off his bike. .....
4 Did you enjoy myself in London, Kate? .....
5 I taught herself to speak some Spanish before our holiday to Spain last summer. .....
6 We didn't buy themselves concert tickets after all because they were so expensive. .....

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