GRAMMAR

Past Simple and Past Continuous

1 Choose the correct answer.

1 I … too much pizza for lunch.
a ate b was eating

2 Dad didn't answer the phone because he ....
a drove b was driving

3 I … it was such a good idea.
a didn't think b wasn't thinking

4 We … in the ocean when the storm started.
a swam b were swimming

5 I … well last night.
a didn't sleep b wasn't sleeping

6 … what she was wearing?
a Were you seeing b Did you see

7 While I was cleaning the house, I … to my favourite singer.
a listened b was listening

8 We … to London last year.
a flew b were flying

3 Complete the sentences with suitable verbs. Use the Past Simple and Past Continuous.

1 While we ..... a film, we ..... popcorn.

2 Someone ..... my bag while I ..... on the underground.

3 Elisa ..... her finger while she ..... a salad.

4 The police stopped him because he ..... on his phone while he ..... on the motorway.

5 I ..... the door and ..... into the room.

6 What ..... she ..... to you when you ..... her the bad news?

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

As soon as we [1] ..... (arrive) at the wedding last night, I realised that I [2] ..... (not wear) the right shoes. The wedding took place in a forest and people [3] ..... (walk) around in comfortable shoes, but I was in high heels! I tried to walk carefully, but I [4] ..... (fall) while I [5] ..... (carry) a plate of food. As I [6] ..... (try) to get up with the empty plate still in my hand, I [7] ..... (hear) people laughing. How embarrassing! I [8] ..... (know) that all the guests [9] ..... (look) at me. But then I [10] ..... (see) where the noise [11] ..... (come) from. Some people at another table [12] ..... (laugh) because someone [13] ..... (tell) a joke.

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