Practice

1 **Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

a) While I *washed/was washing* my hair, the phone *rang/ringed*.
b) How *did you felt/did you feel* yesterday afternoon?
c) When I *got/was getting* home I *received/was receiving* a phone call.
d) Last summer I *was going swimming/went swimming* every weekend.
e) When the dog *bit/was biting* Laura's leg, she *screamed/was screaming*.
f) We *sang/sung* some songs and then *ate/eat* some sandwiches.
g) When you *fell/felt* over the cliff, what *happened/was happening* next?
h) While Mary *washed-up/was washing-up*, she *broke/was breaking* a cup.
i) I didn't *see/saw* where the bus stop was, so I *was missing/missed* the bus.
j) What *did you do/were you doing* when I *phoned/was phoning* you last night? There was no reply.

2 **Rewrite each sentence according to the instructions given.**

a) I enjoyed the concert. (negative) I didn't enjoy the concert.
b) You ate all the bread. (question) .....
c) Did John spend a lot? (affirmative) .....
d) I felt well yesterday. (negative) .....
e) Anna didn't buy a car. (affirmative) .....
f) They won the prize. (question) .....
g) Paul doesn't speak Greek. (affirmative) .....
h) I paid all the bills. (negative) .....

3 **Complete each sentence with a suitable time expression from the box. You can use an expression more than once.**

ago	in	last week	at	when	~~while~~

a) A burglar broke into the house ....while..... we were watching television.
b) ..... I met an old friend of mine in the city centre.
c) What were you doing ..... the police officer knocked on the door?
d) Jan met Sarah ..... half-past eight outside the cinema.
e) ..... Dick was preparing lunch, he cut his finger badly.
f) I first came to this town more than twenty years ..... .
g) Jeff was studying to be a doctor ..... he met Sally.
h) Tony bought his first motorbike ..... 1992.
i) ..... did you start playing basketball?
j) Most of the young people left this village a long time ..... .

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4 **Match each sentence (a–h) with a suitable response (1–8).**

a) What was Katrina doing when you knocked on the door? ....3.....
b) How did Brenda spend her holiday? .....
c) What happened when the lights went out? .....
d) When did you meet Cathy? .....
e) What did Julie do when Tony called? .....
f) Did Suzannah hear what David said? .....
g) What did Lucy do when the bell rang at the end of the lesson? .....
h) Why did Alicia leave so early? .....

1 She went sailing most days, and sunbathed at the beach.
2 She put the phone down.
3 She was listening to the radio in the kitchen.
4 She went to meet her parents at a restaurant.
5 She came to my brother's birthday party.
6 While Tina was looking for a torch, they came back on.
7 She wasn't listening.
8 She put her books away and left.

5 **Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple or past continuous.**

a) When Harry (wake up) .....woke up..... , we (tell) .....told..... him the news.
b) Everyone (wait) ..... for the concert to begin when a message (arrive) ..... .
c) Charlotte (want) ..... a relaxing holiday, so she (choose) ..... to stay on a small island.
d) When Roberto (study) ..... in America, his parents (phone) ..... him every week.
e) I (find) ..... my pen while I (look for) ..... my bag.
f) Ann (watch) ..... a film on television when Julie (arrive) ..... .
g) When the lights (go out) ..... , I (lie) ..... in bed reading.
h) When you (go) ..... to the new Chinese restaurant, what (you eat) ..... ?

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