

## 2D

## Grammar

### Contrast: past simple and past continuous

*I can distinguish the use of the past simple and the past continuous.*

- 1 Choose the correct tense to complete the sentences.

- 1 Jake looked at the weather outside: it was grey, but it didn't rain / wasn't raining.
- 2 You didn't answer when I phoned you this morning.  
What did you do / were you doing?
- 3 Lucy switched off her computer, put on / was putting on  
her coat and left / was leaving the office.
- 4 She closed the window because some children made /  
were making a lot of noise outside.
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- 2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of one verb and the past continuous form of the other.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Henry as I \_\_\_\_\_  
(cycle) to the sports centre.
- 2 While we \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the picnic, it  
\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
- 3 All my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the party when I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
- 4 As we \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) by the river, we  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a shout.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) very much while we  
\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in that hotel.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) my dad's coffee while he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not look).
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) her new phone as she  
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- 3 Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

In January 2014, a doctor from New Zealand  
 'had (have) a frightening experience with a shark –  
 but his calm reaction ' (make)  
 him the star of news reports around the world.

James Grant <sup>3</sup> [ ] (fish) with friends one Saturday when a shark attacked him. He <sup>4</sup> [ ] (not see) anything, but he <sup>5</sup> [ ] (felt) a sudden pain in his leg. At first, he thought that his friends <sup>6</sup> [ ] (play) a prank on him. He <sup>7</sup> [ ] (turn) around – but nobody <sup>8</sup> [ ] (be) behind him. Then he <sup>9</sup> [ ] (realise) what <sup>10</sup> [ ] (happen).

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- 1 I hurt my finger while I was playing the guitar.  
I was playing the guitar when I hurt my finger.
- 2 I was walking home when it started to rain.  
While I \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She broke her leg while she was learning to ski.  
She was learning \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 He was making lunch when he suddenly felt ill.  
As he \_\_\_\_\_
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- 6 I lost my wallet while I was shopping.  
While I \_\_\_\_\_

- 7 As the band were playing their first song, all the lights went out.  
The band were playing \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Use the past simple or past continuous.

- 1 As I was getting off the bus, \_\_\_\_\_
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Luckily, James <sup>1</sup> [ ] (carry) a knife so he <sup>2</sup> [ ] (use) it to fight off the shark. Then he <sup>3</sup> [ ] (get) out of the water and <sup>4</sup> [ ] (look) at his leg. The bites were 5 cm long and they <sup>5</sup> [ ] (bleed) a lot. James <sup>6</sup> [ ] (clean) his leg. Then he and his friends <sup>7</sup> [ ] (go) to a nearby café! While they <sup>8</sup> [ ] (enjoy) a drink, somebody <sup>9</sup> [ ] (give) James a bandage because his leg <sup>10</sup> [ ] (bleed). He <sup>11</sup> [ ] (go) to hospital for some treatment, but on Monday he was back at work.