

Past Simple and Past Continuous

1 Complete the sentences using verbs from the box in the correct tense.

wait not / lose arrive go fall steal do call play

0 John was doing his homework when the phone rang.

1 Tim _____ me while I was talking to my dad.

2 While she was watching the film, Paula _____ asleep.

3 Where _____ you _____ when I saw you yesterday?

4 _____ your brother _____ computer games when your parents got home?

5 While I _____ for the bus, I finished my book.

6 Somebody _____ my bag while I was looking at a T-shirt in a shop.

7 Tricia _____ her purse while she was shopping. It was while she was on the bus.

8 _____ anything _____ in the post for me while I was out?

2 Complete the email using the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Jenna,

Thanks very much for your email. I 0 was *finishing* (finish) my project on my laptop when I

1 _____ (notice) it. And 2 _____ (you / listen) to your favourite band

when I 3 _____ (ring) you later? I could hear it in the background! And guess what!

My sister 4 _____ (take) me into town in her car last Saturday when we

5 _____ (see) somebody that we recognised – the lead singer from the band! He

6 _____ (walk) along the street with his guitar when we 7 _____

(drive) past him. Amazing!

See you soon,

Holly