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

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