

4 Complete the conversation with the past continuous or the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Police inspector: So, what ¹ you (do) yesterday evening between 7 and 10 pm?

Sarah: I ² (watch) TV.

PI: ³ (be) you alone?

S: Yes, I ⁴ (be).

PI: ⁵ you (watch) TV all evening?

S: No, I wasn't. At 7 pm I ⁶ (go) to the local shop to get some food.

PI: ⁷ you (see) anything strange?

S: Yes, I ⁸ (pay) for the milk when a man ⁹ (enter) the shop and ¹⁰ (say): 'Tonight is going to be a big night.'

PI: I see. What ¹¹ he (mean)?

S: I've no idea, sorry. But he ¹² (wear) very strange clothes and he ¹³ (had) a strange look on his face.

5 Circle the correct options.

- 1 I *played* / *was playing* tennis when it *started* / *was starting* to rain.
- 2 While Sally *studied* / *was studying* for the Maths exam, I *went* / *was going* out to get us a pizza.
- 3 When I *saw* / *was seeing* Jackie and Charlie, they *ran* / *were running* quickly down the street.
- 4 The post *came* / *was coming* while I *relaxed* / *was relaxing* in the garden.
- 5 Hannah *worked* / *was working* very hard when the phone *rang* / *was ringing*.