

Telling anecdotes

Past Simple vs Past Progressive

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- 1 I _____ your dad while I was waiting for the bus.
a saw b was seeing
- 2 Simon _____ to work when he got a flat tire.
a drove b was driving
- 3 We were having lunch outside when it _____ to rain.
a started b was starting
- 4 My cousins learned Arabic while they _____ in Dubai.
a lived b were living
- 5 I _____ breakfast while everyone was sleeping.
a made b was making
- 6 Magda was looking for her passport when the taxi _____.
a arrived b was arriving

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 When the teacher entered/was entering the room, everyone talked/was talking.
- 2 We saw/were seeing Sami and Asa while we jogged/were jogging in the park.
- 3 We worked/were working in the yard when the storm started/was starting.
- 4 While Sara walked/was walking home, she lost/was losing her purse.
- 5 I downloaded/was downloading a great game while I waited/was waiting for the bus.
- 6 When we arrived/were arriving at the beach, lots of people swam/were swimming in the ocean.

Complete the news story with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Lucky escape for baby hedgehog

Last week, a pilot in Scotland

1 was preparing (prepare) to take off when he 2 _____ (see) a baby hedgehog in front of the plane. He 3 _____ (stop) the plane for two minutes while the hedgehog 4 _____ (cross) in front of the plane. The hedgehog 5 _____ (be) fine thanks to him!

