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!

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