

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of these verbs.

buy • catch • hear • look • ride
shine • snow • wait

- When I left home this morning, the sun
- I the bus at 8.45.
- While I my bike to school this morning, I saw an accident.
- When we arrived at the station, a lot of people to buy tickets.
- She her ticket and got on the train.
- Somebody stole his passport while he for something in his luggage.
- There was a delay with the plane because it very hard.
- As she was leaving the shop, she somebody call her name.

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Choose the best alternative.

- I fell asleep while I watched/was watching the film.
- The teacher called me back as I left/was leaving the classroom.
- The head teacher came/was coming in while we were doing the exam.
- As we drove/were driving to the airport, I realised I didn't have my passport.
- While you shopped/were shopping, three people called for you.
- She met/was meeting one of her friends while she was taking the dog for a walk.
- As we talked/were talking, I realised that I'd met her before.
- They didn't speak while they did/were doing their homework.

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Look at the example. Write explanations in the past perfect for each of the situations.

- 1 Why was she crying? **miss the plane**
Because she had missed the plane.
- 2 Why couldn't he find his bike? **somebody steal it**
- 3 Why did they buy a new car? **have the old one for 15 years**
- 4 Why were you scared of flying? **never fly before**
- 5 Why was everything white in the morning? **snow the night before**
- 6 Why didn't she pass her exam? **not study much**
- 7 Why didn't he board the plane? **lose passport**
- 8 Why didn't Alex have any money? **spend it**
- 9 Why did she miss the bus? **not leave on time**