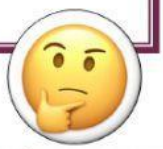
Past simple or past continuous?



1. Choose the correct answer. Write it in the space at the end of each sentence.

1 Was it snowing when / while you went to bed last night? ☐
2 When / While I was walking home, I found £50 in the street. ☐
3 I wasn't sleeping when / while he came back. ☐
4 I found your keys when / while I was tidying the living room. ☐
5 Fred phoned when / while you were sleeping. ☐
6 We were having lunch when / while the fire started. ☐
7 I saw an accident when / while I was waiting for the bus this morning. ☐
8 When / While I walked into the room, Dave was reading my diary! ☐

2. Complete with the past simple or past continuous.

It was late on a Friday afternoon and Mr Jules [1] was walking (walk) home from work. There was a big lorry outside his block of flats. 'Somebody's moving house', he [2] ..... (think).

He [3] ..... (stand) outside the front door when he [4] ..... (see) two men at the door. They [5] ..... (carry) a huge TV. Mr Jules [6] ..... (hold) the door open for them, they [7] ..... (thank) him and they [8] ..... (carry) the TV to the lorry.

Then, Mr Jules [9] ..... (go) upstairs to his flat on the second floor.

While he [10] ..... (look) for his keys, he [11] ..... (notice) that his door was open.

He [12] ..... (remember) the two men with the TV and he nearly [13] ..... (faint)!

The two men were thieves and the TV they [14] ..... (carry) was his TV!

3. Complete with the past simple or past continuous. Then put the paragraphs in the correct order.

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Last Saturday, Mr Fry [1] drove (drive) to the centre of the town. He [2] ..... (park) his car and [3] ..... (walk) into a bookshop.

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A police officer [4] ..... (tell) him: 'While the thief [5] ..... (drive), your parrot suddenly [6] ..... (shout): 'Stop! Police!'. The man was so scared that he [7] ..... (stop) the car and [8] ..... (get) out. A police car [9] ..... (see) him while he [10] ..... (run) in the street and [11] ..... (arrest) him!

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While he [12] ..... (pay) for his books a man with a black mask over his head [13] ..... (get into) Mr Fry's car and [14] ..... (drive) away. Mr Fry [15] ..... (see) him and he [16] ..... (run) after him. Then he [17] ..... (remember) that Lucky, his pet parrot was on the back seat. He [18] .....decide to go to the police station. While he [19] ..... (pay) the taxi driver he [20] ..... (see) his car – it was in the police car park!