

Practice

1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- While I washed/was washing my hair, the phone rang/ringed.
- How did you felt/did you feel yesterday afternoon?
- When I got/was getting home I received/was receiving a phone call.
- Last summer I was going swimming/went swimming every weekend.
- When the dog bit/was biting Laura's leg, she screamed/was screaming.
- We sang/sung some songs and then ate/eat some sandwiches.
- When you fell/felt over the cliff, what happened/was happening next?
- While Mary washed-up/was washing-up, she broke/was breaking a cup.
- I didn't see/saw where the bus stop was, so I was missing/missed the bus.
- What did you do/were you doing when I phoned/was phoning you last night?
There was no reply.

2 Rewrite each sentence according to the instructions given.

- I enjoyed the concert. (negative) I didn't enjoy the concert.
- You ate all the bread. (question)
- Did John spend a lot? (affirmative)
- I felt well yesterday. (negative)
- Anna didn't buy a car. (affirmative)
- They won the prize. (question)
- Paul doesn't speak Greek. (affirmative)
- I paid all the bills. (negative)

3 Complete each sentence with a suitable time expression from the box. You can use an expression more than once.

ago in last week at when ~~while~~

- A burglar broke into the house while we were watching television.
- I met an old friend of mine in the city centre.
- What were you doing the police officer knocked on the door?
- Jan met Sarah half-past eight outside the cinema.
- Dick was preparing lunch, he cut his finger badly.
- I first came to this town more than twenty years
- Jeff was studying to be a doctor he met Sally.
- Tony bought his first motorbike 1992.
- did you start playing basketball?
- Most of the young people left this village a long time

4 Match each sentence (a-h) with a suitable response (1-8).

- a) What was Katrina doing when you knocked on the door?³.....
 b) How did Brenda spend her holiday?
 c) What happened when the lights went out?
 d) When did you meet Cathy?
 e) What did Julie do when Tony called?
 f) Did Suzannah hear what David said?
 g) What did Lucy do when the bell rang at the end of the lesson?
 h) Why did Alicia leave so early?
 1 She went sailing most days, and sunbathed at the beach.
 2 She put the phone down.
 3 She was listening to the radio in the kitchen.
 4 She went to meet her parents at a restaurant.
 5 She came to my brother's birthday party.
 6 While Tina was looking for a torch, they came back on.
 7 She wasn't listening.
 8 She put her books away and left.

5 Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple or past continuous.

- a) When Harry (wake up) *woke up*, we (tell) *told*
 him the news.
 b) Everyone (wait) for the concert to begin when a
 message (arrive)
 c) Charlotte (want) a relaxing holiday, so she
 (choose) to stay on a small island.
 d) When Roberto (study) in America, his parents
 (phone) him every week.
 e) I (find) my pen while I (look for)
 my bag.
 f) Ann (watch) a film on television when Julie
 (arrive)
 g) When the lights (go out), I (lie)
 in bed reading.
 h) When you (go) to the new Chinese restaurant, what
 (you eat) ?