

GRAMMAR

Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. ➤ 2.5, 2.6, 2.7

It was past midnight when Helen ¹ _____ (arrive) home. She ² _____ (close) the door quietly because her parents ³ _____ (sleep) upstairs. As she ⁴ _____ (take off) her coat, she ⁵ _____ (see) a letter on the floor with her name on it. She ⁶ _____ (open) the letter and ⁷ _____ (read) it. Then she ⁸ _____ (put) it in her pocket, ⁹ _____ (pick up) her coat and ¹⁰ _____ (go) out again. It ¹¹ _____ (be) a cold night but it ¹² _____ (not rain). A few people ¹³ _____ (walk) towards the High Street, so Helen ¹⁴ _____ (cross) the road and ¹⁵ _____ (follow) them. She ¹⁶ _____ (not know) where they ¹⁷ _____ (go) - but she ¹⁸ _____ (not want) to be alone.

Choose the correct option. Write the answers in your notebook.

- 1 We ate / were eating lunch when we were hearing / heard the avalanche.
- 2 The rain was starting / started while we were swimming / swam in the sea.
- 3 Emma was walking on the beach while / when she found the money.
- 4 I was taking / took a lot of photos while I was travelling / travel in Iceland.
- 5 He was cooking food on the fire when / while he saw the bear.

1 were eating

Hi Dan,

How was your Geography trip? When I ¹ *was doing* (do) Geography at school, we ² (have) a school trip to the Rockies. It was winter and freezing cold.

One day, the weather suddenly ³ (change) while we ⁴ (walk) in the mountains. We soon got lost in the fog! Our teachers had to call for help on their cell phones. While we ⁵ (wait), I ⁶ (hear) a strange noise. It was ...