

SIMPLE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS

1 Order the words to make sentences. Add commas where necessary.

- 1 Alba was / café when / waiting / I arrived / in the

- 2 working when / Nancy / was / I / her / left

- 3 taking / called / Sara / when Lara / a shower / was

- 4 he was / Ed lived / at home while / studying / law

- 5 I looked / was smiling / that he / at Dad / and saw

- 6 still waiting / were / to get in / when the show /
started / we

- 7 her homework / book while / Marian was / I read a /
finishing

- 8 into the / we were / house while / the thieves / got /
sleeping

- 9 watching TV / cooking while / were / Mom was /
the kids

- 10 shopping her friend / while Paola was / went to /
the museum



2 Complete each sentence with the verbs in parentheses. Write one past continuous and one simple past form.

- 1 When we _____ Carlos, he _____ his
car. (see, clean)
- 2 Marta _____ for the bus when she
_____. (run, fall)
- 3 Anna _____ Julia while she _____ to
class. (meet, walk)
- 4 Hugo _____ his leg when he _____
tennis. (hurt, play)
- 5 My phone _____ while I _____.
(ring, drive)
- 6 When Rick _____ his hair, he _____
shampoo in his eyes. (wash, get)
- 7 Emma _____ late for class because she
_____ to Luisa. (be, talk)
- 8 The plane _____ above the ocean when the
storm _____. (fly, start)
- 9 My sister _____ my phone when I
_____. (take, not look)
- 10 When Jackie _____ her shopping, someone
_____ her bag. (do, steal)

