

GRAMMAR: Past continuous and simple past

- 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)

PRONUNCIATION: was/were

- 3  3.4 Practice saying the sentences. Pay attention to the pronunciation of *was* /wəz/ and *were* /wɜː/. Listen, check, and repeat.

- 1 What were you doing at five o'clock yesterday?
- 2 I was expecting Monica to call.
- 3 Rafael was talking to his friend.
- 4 We were playing outside, but it started to rain.
- 5 Adam was watching TV while I worked.
- 6 While you were sleeping, I baked a cake.
- 7 I was doing my homework all morning.
- 8 Clara was running when the accident happened.