Grammar: Past simple and Past continuous

Complete the dialogue with the correct Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

A: Hi! That's a lovely jacket. Is it new?

B: Yes, I _____(buy) it yesterday because I need a smart jacket for my presentation next week. I_____(go) to that new shop on the High Street.

A: Did you? _____ (there / be) a lot of people there?

B: Yes, _____(there / be). It _____ (be) really busy.

A: _____(you / see) anybody you know there?

B: Actually, I _____ (see) Ludwik, the new Sales Director. He was looking for a new tie.

A: Ah, for his presentation tomorrow! And_____ (you / buy) anything else?

B: No, I _____ (decide) to go home after I _____ (pay) for the jacket. It was really expensive!

Write sentences in the Past Simple. Do not change the order of the words.

1. they / meet / the Manager last week / but / they / not meet / the Finance Director
2. I / not think / the report / be / very interesting
3. Rafael / ring / when / you / be / out
4. Nami / write / a report / on our sales in Asia last year
5. Sarah / hear / the news / when / she / be / at work
6. Hans / try on / lots of suits / but / he / not buy / any of them

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What were they doing at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? Complete the paragraph with the correct Past Continuous form of the verbs below.

answer – check – have – order – talk(x2) – try on - write

Carola 1_____ a report. Marco and Frances 2_____a meeting with the Marketing Manager. Pedro 3_____ questions about the new marketing plans. Sue 4_____ more paper for the office printer. Bill 5_____to his boss about the latest sales figures. Matteo 6_____clothes in the shopping mall. Harry and Rita 7_____ on the phone. Svetlana 8_____ sales figures for the month.

Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (a–f).

a I didn't go. I was working until late.
b Sorry! I wasn't listening.
c No, we were just looking at suits.
d No, it wasn't. It was snowing!
e They were updating the software.
f I think so. They were chatting like old friends.

1 Did you buy anything?

2 What were they doing all morning?

3 Did you hear what I said?

4 Do they know each other?

5 Did you enjoy the party?

6 Was it raining in London?

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