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GRAMMAR

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*It was raining.**We weren't thinking about the weather.**Were you running? Yes, I was./No, I wasn't.*

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*Abe downloaded his photo while his dad was making a warm drink.**He was throwing the frisbee when lightning hit a tree.*

1 Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He said the weather was too hot while he was visiting (visit) Mexico.
- 2 They not listen (not listen) when the weather forecast was on TV.
- 3 What you/do (you/do) when you saw the hurricane?
- 4 They swim (swim) in the sea when the heavy rain started.
- 5 it/snow (it/snow) when you left home?
- 6 Someone took my umbrella while I not look (not look).

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I was running for the bus when I dropped / was dropping my phone.
- 2 Jack fell asleep while he watched / was watching the film.
- 3 We were walking home when the breeze started / was starting to get stronger.
- 4 There was a flood when my cousins stayed / were staying in Japan.
- 5 The bear appeared / was appearing while we were walking down the mountain.
- 6 The post came / was coming while we were having breakfast.



3 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We saw (see) something strange in the sky while we were looking (look) at the stars.
- 2 The sun shine (shine) when we arrive (arrive) at the beach.
- 3 While I wait (wait) for the bus, I message (message) a few friends.
- 4 Jenna cry (cry) when I finally find (find) her.
- 5 We first hear (hear) about the storm while we have (have) dinner.
- 6 When I arrive (arrive) at Paula's house, she sit (sit) outside in her garden.

4 Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of these verbs.

do eat fall have (x2) hear not rain
not stop run shine start tell

A: ¹ Did you have a good time on your school trip last week?

B: Yes, we ² a great time in the morning while the sun ³ shone. But it ⁴ started to rain while we ⁵ eat our lunch and it ⁶ rain for the rest of the day!

A: Oh, dear! What ⁷ you after lunch?

B: At first, it ⁸ rain very much, so our teacher ⁹ tell us to keep looking for rocks near the river.

A: What happened next?

B: We ¹⁰ hear thunder. I ¹¹ run to the bus when I ¹² stop and dropped my camera. Now it doesn't work anymore!