

A Circle the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 Ann sat / **was sitting** on a bench in the park when the race **began** / was beginning.
- 2 Katie missed / **was missing** her daughter's performance because she **worked** / was working late last night.
- 3 We **didn't have** / were not having fun at the party, so we **decided** / were deciding to go home.
- 4 Michael **didn't study** / wasn't studying for the test, so he **didn't want** / wasn't wanting to take it.
- 5 Angela **listened** / was listening to music while her brother **tried** / was trying to watch the news.

B Combine ideas in I and II and form complete sentences, using *when* or *while*. Use the Past Simple or Past Progressive when necessary, as well as any other words you need.

I

- 1 eat / dinner
- 2 watch / TV
- 3 sleep / in bed
- 4 talk / phone
- 5 cook / dinner
- 6 play / guitar
- 7 feel / sick
- 8 listen / music

II

- a. doorbell / ring
- b. the kids / dance
- c. hear / explosion
- d. fire alarm / go off
- e. rain / fall
- f. call / me
- g. study / test
- h. get home / from school

- 1 *I was sleeping in bed when I heard an explosion. / I was playing guitar while the rain was falling.*
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C Complete the conversation between a detective and a suspect with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Detective: Where ¹..... (be) you on the night of September 3rd at 21:00?

Suspect: I ²..... (eat) dinner with my son.

Detective: Why ³..... you (eat) so late?

Suspect: I ⁴..... (finish) work late that night. I usually leave at around 19:00, but as I ⁵..... (leave), my boss ⁶..... (ask) me to help him with something else.

Detective: ⁷..... you (go) straight home after work?

Suspect: I ⁸..... (take) the bus home that night. The bus ⁹..... (run) late, so I ¹⁰..... (call) my sister while I ¹¹..... (wait).

Detective: What time ¹²..... you (arrive) home?

Suspect: Well, I arrived home later than usual. While I ¹³..... (ride) home, my son ¹⁴..... (call) and ¹⁵..... (ask) me to buy some pasta for dinner. I ¹⁶..... (stop) at the grocery store and then ¹⁷..... (walk) home.

Detective: ¹⁸..... you (see) anything strange at the grocery store?

Suspect: Yes. While I ¹⁹..... (leave) the store, a man dressed in black ²⁰..... (enter).

Detective: What ²¹..... you (do) next?

Suspect: I ²²..... (walk) home quickly because my son ²³..... (wait) for me.

Detective: ²⁴..... you (hear) anything strange while you ²⁵..... (walk) home?

Suspect: Not right away. But while we ²⁶..... (eat) dinner, we ²⁷..... (hear) police sirens.