

Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 0 After I brushed my teeth I *went* / *was going* to bed.
- 1 I *went* / *was going* to the dentist five times last year.
- 2 My computer *broke down* / *was breaking down* yesterday.
- 3 Hilary fell on the ice last winter and *broke* / *was breaking* her arm.
- 4 We were relaxing in the garden *when* / *while* we suddenly heard a loud noise.
- 5 Karl didn't hear the doorbell because he *listened* / *was listening* to his iPod.
- 6 After I left university, I worked in a bank and then I *moved* / *was moving* to an insurance company.
- 7 My cousin couldn't visit us in August because she *did* / *was doing* a summer course.
- 8 I was having a shower *when* / *while* the phone rang.

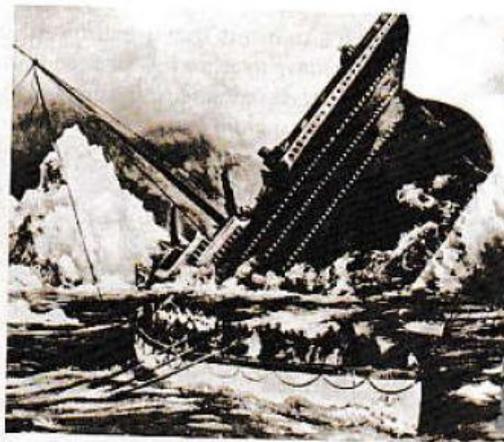
2 Match the sentences 1 and 2 with A and B.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 0 1 When my father arrived, we looked at his photos. 2 When my father arrived, we were looking at his photos. | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A We started looking at the photos before my father arrived. B My father brought the photos with him. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 1 My aunt worked for Mr O'Reilly. 2 My aunt was working for Mr O'Reilly when she heard the news. | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A She was his assistant. B She was speaking to a client on the phone. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 1 I was having a party when she told me the news. 2 When she told me the news I had a party. | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A I had a party after she told me the news. B The party started before she told me the news. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 1 Paul travelled a lot in his last job. 2 Paul was travelling when the accident happened. | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A He was on a plane to Rio. B He was an international salesman. |

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the text. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets ().

The sinking of the TITANIC

ON THE NIGHT of 14 April 1912 the cruise ship *Titanic* (0) *was* (be) in the middle of its first journey between England and New York. It (1) (travel) across the north Atlantic, south of Greenland. As usual, a sailor (2) (watch) the sea in front of the ship; he (3) (look) for icebergs. But it was dark and there was no moon, so he couldn't see anything. Suddenly, at exactly 11.40, the ship (4) (hit) a huge iceberg. The ship quickly began to sink. At the time of the accident many of the passengers (5) (sleep). The sailors



(6) (tell) everybody to leave the ship, but there (7) (not be) enough boats for all the people. In the end more than 1,500 people (8) (die).