5 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I _____ (make) my dinner at 8 o'clock last night.
2 Joe and Sam _____ (use) the wrong program in IT yesterday.
3 Who was that guy you _____ (dance) with at the party?
4 Paula _____ (come) home from school when she saw an accident.
5 In 1999 my father _____ (live) in Dublin. That's where he met my mother.
6 He _____ (open) the box when he cut his finger.
7 This time last week, we _____ (visit) my grandmother.
8 I _____ (sit) at the back of the classroom so I couldn't see the screen.
9 Andrew _____ (insert) a photo into his document when the teacher stopped the class.
10 I _____ (start) to do my homework when my friend sent me a message.

6 Choose the correct options.

1 I *listened / was listening* to the radio when I *heard / was hearing* this fantastic song.
2 When the teacher *said / was saying* 'Stop!', I *still tried / was still trying* to finish the last question.
3 I feel really silly! While I *danced / was dancing*, I *fell / was falling* and *broke / was breaking* my elbow.
4 Tim *played / was playing* a computer game when his mum *called / was calling* him for lunch.
5 I *looked / was looking* for a file on my memory stick when I *noticed / was noticing* there was a virus.
6 Ron *found / was finding* a really interesting website about dance music while he *surfed / was surfing* the internet.
7 My mum *had / was having* breakfast near the computer when she *spilled / was spilling* her cup of coffee on the keyboard.
8 When you *saw / were seeing* me yesterday, I *didn't go / wasn't going* to school, I *went / was going* to the doctor's – I felt terrible.
9 How many pictures *did you take / were you taking* while you *travelled / were travelling* around Ireland?
10 Why *did you chat / were you chatting* to Philip while I *tried / was trying* to tell you something really important?

7 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I _____ (switch off) the computer because it _____ (make) a strange noise.
2 My dad _____ (listen) to classical music when I _____ (arrive) home from school.
3 We _____ (play) video games when my mum _____ ,(say) 'Turn the volume down!'
4 My cousin _____ (meet) his wife, Bianca, while he _____ (live) in Italy.
5 My little sister _____ (draw) a picture while I _____ (study) for my French exam.
6 While they _____ (try) to fix the computer, all the lights _____ (go out).
7 When we _____ (leave) school yesterday, it _____ (pour) with rain.
8 When you _____ (see) Paul, _____ he _____ (wear) a black jacket?
9 I _____ (try) to log on when the WiFi _____ (stop) working.
10 While Dad _____ (print) an article, the printer _____ (run out) of paper.

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