Past Simple and Past Continuous

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

Ben: Hi, Zoe! What [0] did you do (you / do) yesterday?

Zoe: My sister and I [1] .....(take) the bus to town.

We [2] .....(want) to look at clothes in the shop windows.

Ben: [3] ..... (you / find) anything nice?

Zoe: No, I didn't. I [4] .....(not like) anything.

Ben: What about your sister? [5] .....(she / buy) anything?

Zoe: Yes, she [6] .....(buy) some fantastic jeans. They were on sale.

Ben: That's great.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Past Continuous.

0 The children were having (have) breakfast at half past seven yesterday morning.

1 ..... (it / rain) last night?

2 Mum ..... (work) yesterday afternoon.

3 We ..... (not play) football at four o'clock. We were at home.

4 We .....(visit) our grandparents last Saturday.

3 Choose the correct words.

0 The children were having breakfast when the postman *arrived* / *was arriving*.

1 While we *camped* / *were camping*, we heard a wild animal outside our tent.

2 Martha was walking home when she *met* / *was meeting* David.

3 We were doing our homework when our parents *came* / *were coming* home.

4 While I was playing tennis, I *fell* / *was falling*.

5 He *slept* / *was sleeping* when I phoned.

6 I *was tidying* / *tidied* my room when I found my keys.

7 While they *climbed* / *were* climbing the mountain, they had a bad accident.

8 What were you watching on TV when I called / was calling you?

9 We were putting on our coats *while* / *when* it started to snow.

10 *While* / *When* Jane was waiting for the bus, she saw her best friend.

11 I *wasn't sleeping* / *didn't sleep* *when* / *while* Dad arrived home from the airport.

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