GRAMMAR

past simple and past continuous

1 **Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.**

1 I **found** / **was finding** some money while I **walked** / **was walking** through the park.
2 Jack **got** / **was getting** home and **saw** / **was seeing** that there was a letter for him.
3 While we **swam** / **were swimming** in the sea, someone **stole** / **was stealing** our clothes!
4 Everyone in the crowd **started** / **was starting** singing when he **scored** / **was scoring** his third goal!
5 I **fell** / **was falling** when I **ran** / **was running** for the bus.
6 Lisa **told** / **was telling** her mum all about it when she **arrived** / **was arriving** home.
7 My brother **became** / **was becoming** ill while we **camped** / **were camping** last year.
8 We **decided** / **were deciding** to play tennis because the sun **shone** / **was shining.**

2 3.1 **Complete the news stories with the correct verb forms. Listen and check.**

CRAZY NEWS!



Girl catches tennis ball in drink

At three o'clock last Saturday afternoon, 15-year-old Amy Jones [1] ..... (watch) a game of tennis at Wimbledon when something funny happened. One of the players suddenly [2] ..... (hit) the ball badly, and it [3] ..... (fly) straight towards Amy. At that moment, Amy [4] ..... (drink) a cup of orange juice. Without thinking, she [5] ..... (hold) up her cup of orange juice and [6] ..... (catch) the ball in it! Everyone in the crowd [7] ..... (think) it was very funny!

3 **Rewrite each pair of sentences as one sentence. Use the word in brackets.**

1 I arrived home. It was raining.
It ..... home. (when)
2 Paul was playing football. He hurt his leg.
Paul ..... football. (while)
3 Sara left school. She got a job.
Sara ..... school. (when)
4 I met George in New York. I was living there.
I ..... in New York. (while)
5 I told Ana the joke. She laughed.
Ana ..... the joke. (her)
6 We were waiting at the bus stop. We saw Greg.
We ..... at the bus stop. (waiting)

LIVEWORKSHEETS