

### 3 Read all about it

## 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 <sup>1</sup> ..... (watch) a game of tennis at Wimbledon when something funny happened. One of the players suddenly <sup>2</sup> ..... (hit) the ball badly, and it <sup>3</sup> ..... (fly) straight towards Amy. At that moment, Amy <sup>4</sup> ..... (drink) a cup of orange juice. Without thinking, she <sup>5</sup> ..... (hold) up her cup of orange juice and <sup>6</sup> ..... (catch) the ball in it! Everyone in the crowd <sup>7</sup> ..... (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)