

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past simple and past continuous with *when*, *while* and *as*

- 1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

do look not watch  
rain ~~sleep~~ work

- I was sleeping at 11 o'clock last night. That's why I didn't check my emails.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday, so I didn't go out.
- My mum \_\_\_\_\_ late at the office and came home late.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ for clothes online, but I didn't see anything I liked.
- What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen? I heard a strange noise.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ videos on the computer – she was studying!

- 2 Complete the conversation with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- EMMA Hey, Ben! <sup>1</sup>Did you have (you / have) a nice holiday?
- BEN Hmm, not bad. I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (help) my uncle in his shop.
- EMMA Why <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) that?
- BEN Because my aunt <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) ill, and he <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not have) time to go to the shop every day.
- EMMA Wow! That's really kind of you. <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (it / be) difficult?
- BEN Yeah. But my uncle <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (give) me some money after, so I <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some new clothes.
- EMMA Cool!

- 3 Write sentences with the past simple and past continuous and the words in brackets.

- I / sleep / you / call / me last night (when)  
I was sleeping when you called me last night.
- he / finish / his book / he / wait / for the bus (as)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- we / live / in London / we / go / to lots of museums (while)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- she / not see / the car / she / cross / the street (when)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I / not cry / I / watch / that inspirational film (while)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- they / say / goodbye / they / leave / the party (as)  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Circle the correct options.



One day my wife was ill, so I <sup>1</sup>drove / was driving to the chemist to get some medicine. While I <sup>2</sup>walked / was walking back to the car, I noticed that I <sup>3</sup>didn't have / wasn't having my keys. They were still in the car with my phone! I <sup>4</sup>kicked / was kicking the wheels of my car when a teenager <sup>5</sup>was arriving / arrived on his bike and <sup>6</sup>asked / was asking what was wrong. I told him the story and I <sup>7</sup>explained / was explaining that we had another car key at home, but it was five miles away. The boy said, 'I'll get the keys' and then <sup>8</sup>gave / was giving me his phone to call my wife to explain what was happening. After 30 minutes, he <sup>9</sup>came / was coming back with the keys. As I <sup>10</sup>opened / was opening my car, he rode away – before I could thank him!

- 5 Write a short paragraph in your notebook about a time when someone helped you or you helped someone. Use the past simple and past continuous.