# 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 |

1 I *was sleeping* at 11 o'clock last night. That's why I didn't check my emails.
2 It _____ yesterday, so I didn't go out.
3 My mum _____ late at the office and came home late.
4 I _____ for clothes online, but I didn't see anything I liked.
5 What _____ you _____ in the kitchen? I heard a strange noise.
6 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! [1] *Did you have* (you / have) a nice holiday?
BEN Hmm, not bad. I [2] _____ (help) my uncle in his shop.
**EMMA** Why [3] _____ (you / do) that?
BEN Because my aunt [4] _____ (be) ill, and he [5] _____ (not have) time to go to the shop every day.
**EMMA** Wow! That's really kind of you. [6] _____ (it / be) difficult?
BEN Yeah. But my uncle [7] _____ (give) me some money after, so I [8] _____ (buy) some new clothes.
**EMMA** Cool!

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

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

### 4 ☆☆ Circle the correct options.

One day my wife was ill, so I [1](*drove*) / *was driving* to the chemist to get some medicine. While I [2]*walked / was walking* back to the car, I noticed that I [3]*didn't have / wasn't having* my keys. They were still in the car with my phone! I [4]*kicked / was kicking* the wheels of my car when a teenager [5]*was arriving / arrived* on his bike and [6]*asked / was asking* what was wrong. I told him the story and I [7]*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 [8]*gave / was giving* me his phone to call my wife to explain what was happening. After 30 minutes, he [9]*came / was coming* back with the keys. As I [10]*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.



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