

1- Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb (simple past or past progressive):

1. Last weekend, while I **(1)** _____ (watch) a movie at home, my friends **(2)** _____ (call) to invite me out.
2. As I **(5)** (walk) _____ to work yesterday, I **(6)** (see) _____ a famous actor in the street.
3. They **(7)** (drive) _____ through the countryside when they suddenly **(8)** (encounter) _____ a herd of sheep crossing the road.
4. When the fire **(9)** (break) _____ out, everyone **(10)** (panic) _____ until the firefighters arrived.
5. During the storm, while some people **(11)** (take) _____ shelter indoors, others **(12)** (try) _____ to secure their belongings outside.
6. Last summer, while we **(7)** _____ (travel) through Italy, we **(8)** (visit) _____ famous landmarks and **(9)** (sample) delicious Italian cuisine.
7. He **(10)** (read) _____ a book when the phone **(11)** (ring) _____, interrupting his concentration.