▶ Practice 16. The simple past and the past progressive. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Complete the sentences. Write the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Maria (*call*) _____ me as soon as she got the good news.
2. Last night at about nine o'clock we (*watch*) _____ TV when someone knocked at the door.
3. During the study period in class yesterday, it was hard for me to concentrate because the student next to me (*hum*) _____.
4. When Harry (*meet*) _____ Jenny, he immediately fell in love with her.
5. Jack was rushing to catch the bus when I (*see*) _____ him.
6. Last Saturday while Sandy (*clean*) _____ out the attic, she found her grandmother's wedding dress.
7. It started to rain while I (*drive*) _____ to work this morning. I didn't have an umbrella with me. I (*get*) _____ very wet when I stepped out of my car.
8. When we looked outside during the storm, we saw that the wind (*blow*) _____ very hard, and the trees (*bend*) _____ over in the wind.
9. When the teacher came into the room, most of the children (*play*) _____ together nicely. But over in the corner, Bobby (*pull*) _____ Annie's hair. The teacher quickly ran over and pulled Bobby away from Annie.

▶ Practice 18. The simple past and the past progressive. (Charts 2-7 and 2-8)

Circle the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. We (*had / were having*) a wonderful dinner last night to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary.
2. We (*had / were having*) a wonderful time when suddenly the electric power went out.
3. When Richard (*stopped / was stopping*) his car suddenly, the groceries (*fell / were falling*) out of the grocery bags and (*spilled / were spilling*) all over the floor of the car.
4. When I was a child, my mother always (*served / was serving*) cookies and milk to my friends and me when they (*came / were coming*) home with me after school.
5. When we (*looked / were looking*) in on our baby last night, he (*slept / was sleeping*). I think he (*dreamt / was dreaming*) about something nice because he (*smiled / was smiling*).
6. A: Why is Henry in the hospital?
   B: He (*worked / was working*) on his car in the garage when the gas tank (*exploded / was exploding*).
   A: Oh! What (*caused / was causing*) the explosion?
   B: Henry (*dropped / was dropping*) a match too near the gas tank.

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