

## GRAMMAR

## Past Continuous and Past Simple

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*It was raining.*

*We weren't thinking about the weather.*

*Were you running? Yes, I was./No, I wasn't.*

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*Abe downloaded his photo while his dad was making a warm drink.*

*He was throwing the frisbee when lightning hit a tree.*

**1** Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He said the weather was too hot while he was visiting (visit) Mexico.
- 2 They                    (not listen) when the weather forecast was on TV.
- 3 What                    (you/do) when you saw the hurricane?
- 4 They                    (swim) in the sea when the heavy rain started.
- 5                    (it/snow) when you left home?
- 6 Someone took my umbrella while I                    (not look).

**2** Choose the correct option.

- 1 I was running for the bus when dropped / was dropping my phone.
- 2 Jack fell asleep while he watched / was watching the film.
- 3 We were walking home when the breeze started / was starting to get stronger.
- 4 There was a flood when my cousins stayed / were staying in Japan.
- 5 The bear appeared / was appearing while we were walking down the mountain.
- 6 The post came / was coming while we were having breakfast.

**3** Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We saw (see) something strange in the sky while we were looking (look) at the stars.
- 2 The sun                    (shine) when we                    (arrive) at the beach.
- 3 While I                    (wait) for the bus, I                    (message) a few friends.
- 4 Jenna                    (cry) when I finally                    (find) her.
- 5 We first                    (hear) about the storm while we                    (have) dinner.
- 6 When I                    (arrive) at Paula's house, she                    (sit) outside in her garden.

**4** Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of these verbs.

do eat fall have (x2) hear not rain  
not stop run shine start tell

A: <sup>1</sup> Did you have a good time on your school trip last week?

B: Yes, we <sup>2</sup>                    a great time in the morning while the sun <sup>3</sup>                   . But it <sup>4</sup>                    to rain while we <sup>5</sup>                    our lunch and it <sup>6</sup>                    for the rest of the day!

A: Oh, dear! What <sup>7</sup>                    you                    after lunch?

B: At first, it <sup>8</sup>                    very much, so our teacher <sup>9</sup>                    us to keep looking for rocks near the river.

A: What happened next?

B: We <sup>10</sup>                    thunder. I <sup>11</sup>                    to the bus when I <sup>12</sup>                    and dropped my camera. Now it doesn't work anymore!

