2.4 Grammar

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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 I *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: [1] *Did* you *have* a good time on your school trip last week?
B: Yes, we [2] _____ a great time in the morning while the sun [3] _____. But it [4] _____ to rain while we [5] _____ our lunch and it [6] _____ for the rest of the day!
A: Oh, dear! What [7] _____ you _____ after lunch?
B: At first, it [8] _____ very much, so our teacher [9] _____ us to keep looking for rocks near the river.
A: What happened next?
B: We [10] _____ thunder. I [11] _____ to the bus when I [12] _____ and dropped my camera. Now it doesn't work anymore!



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