

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past continuous.

- I was sitting on the sofa when it started to snow. (sit)
- Who you to at the gate? (talk)
- We the garage when you called. (clean)
- What Stephen about? (laugh)
- I so I don't know what to do now. (not listen)
- What film Claudia with her parents? (watch)
- My brothers very well so they stayed at home. (not feel)

2 Circle the correct option, A or B.

- I was tidying the cupboards Jane was painting the ceiling in the entrance.
A while **B** then
- We were enjoying a peaceful evening in the garden it started to rain.
A when **B** then
- Mum bought a comfortable sofa and she bought some unusual lamps.
A while **B** then
- I opened the gate and the dog ran off.
A then **B** when
- My phone rang I was having a nice hot shower.
A while **B** then
- John was speaking Emily interrupted him.
A while **B** when
- I stayed on the balcony Daniel was making dinner.
A while **B** then

3 Circle the correct options.

- While Sally (was sleeping) / *slept*, I was watching TV.
- I took the bus into town and then I *was going* / *went* to the cinema.
- When we *got* / *were getting* home, our neighbours were having a party.
- Dad went to work while I *had* / *was having* breakfast.
- Were you paying* / *Did you pay* attention while the teacher was speaking?
- Luckily I *didn't play* / *wasn't playing* football when the storm arrived.
- I went shopping and then I *met* / *was meeting* up with my friends.

4 Correct the underlined mistakes in the sentences.

- He sold his house in the city and then he buyed a new one by the sea. *bought*
- We were playing video games and then we went to the party.
- I felt very excited while we listened to the concert.
- They stood at the cooker while they were making dinner.
- It is raining when we went to the park.
- I was going out just after you arrived.

5 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

did	moved	then	was
were	when	while	

- Mia: When ¹ *did* you move into the new apartment?
- Amy: We ² in about a month ago but we stayed with our aunt ³ our parents ⁴ decorating the bedrooms.
- Mia: Do you know your neighbours?
- Amy: Yes, they're very kind and friendly. They invited us for dinner ⁵ we moved in. We had a lovely meal and ⁶ we sat in their garden.
- Mia: And are you enjoying your new home?
- Amy: Yes, I am. It's really bright and cosy. I love the balcony. The only problem is the noise. The traffic ⁷ quite loud last night when I was going to bed.

1

- 2 were, talking
- 3 were cleaning
- 4 was, laughing
- 5 wasn't / was not listening
- 6 was, watching
- 7 weren't / were not feeling

2

- 2 A
- 3 B
- 4 A
- 5 A
- 6 B
- 7 A

3

- 2 went
- 3 got
- 4 was having
- 5 Were you paying
- 6 wasn't playing
- 7 met

4

-  2 played
- 3 were listening
- 4 were standing
- 5 was raining
- 6 went

5

- 2 moved
- 3 while
- 4 were
- 5 when
- 6 then
- 7 was