

GRAMMAR

Past simple and past continuous

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The girl was playing basketball
- 2 My parents were waiting for me
- 3 My cousin fell off his bike
- 4 When the teacher came back to the class,
- 5 While the boy was making a sandwich,
- 6 While the man was walking his dog,
 - a he cut his finger.
 - b all the students were talking.
 - c when she fell and hurt her arm.
 - d he found €20 in the street.
 - e while he was cycling round the park.
 - f at the airport when I got off the plane.

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (play) tennis when it _____ (start) to rain.
- 2 I _____ (walk) through the park when I _____ (find) a wallet.
- 3 Jo _____ (watch) TV when I _____ (call) her.
- 4 What _____ (you / do) yesterday afternoon at 3 pm?
- 5 I _____ (buy) Mum's birthday present while I _____ (shop) with my friends.
- 6 While we _____ (wait) for the bus, my brother _____ (drive) past.



3 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- 1 He was snowboarding _____ he fell and broke his leg.
- 2 _____ I was sitting on the bus, I saw my English teacher.
- 3 She learned a lot of English _____ she was living in London.
- 4 _____ I got home I went into the kitchen.



4 Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentences.

- 1 I felt very nervous while I _____ the game.
A watched B was watching
- 2 When I saw them, I _____ in love.
A fell B was falling
- 3 While we _____ around the castle, we saw a very old picture.
A looked B were looking
- 4 Yesterday, while I _____ back home, I remembered I left my sunglasses in your house.
A came B was coming
- 5 When I _____ in the kitchen, I saw a broken window.
A cleaned B was cleaning