

### UNIT 16 Past simple and past continuous

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**1** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 When the teacher *came / was coming* into the classroom, we *played / were playing* cards.

2 She *didn't call / wasn't calling* me when she *heard / was hearing* a strange noise.

3 While I *got off / was getting off* the bus, it *started / was starting* to rain.

4 John *arrived / was arriving* while my sister *made / was making* breakfast.

5 My brother *climb / was climbing* a tree when he *fell / was falling*.

6 I *didn't meet / wasn't meeting* my teacher while we *shopped / were shopping*.

## 2 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- 1 I was giving food to my rabbit \_\_\_\_ you phoned me.
- 2 We found some money \_\_\_\_ we were playing football outside.
- 3 I wasn't doing anything \_\_\_\_ you turned on the light.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ you sent me the message, I was doing an exam.
- 5 My mum was watching the monkeys \_\_\_\_ someone stole her purse.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ my friends were snowboarding, they saw a famous musician.

## 3 Complete the sentences with one verb in the past simple and one verb in the past continuous.

- 1 My teacher \_\_\_\_ (travel) by boat when she \_\_\_\_ (feel) sick.
- 2 When the music \_\_\_\_ (start), I \_\_\_\_ (not talk) to my friends.
- 3 While I \_\_\_\_ (carry) the plates, I \_\_\_\_ (fall).
- 4 We \_\_\_\_ (run) in the park when we \_\_\_\_ (see) some ducks.
- 5 While I \_\_\_\_ (do) my homework, my phone \_\_\_\_ (ring).
- 6 We \_\_\_\_ (not visit) the British Museum while we \_\_\_\_ (stay) in London.

**4** Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use the past simple or the past continuous.

0 When I woke up yesterday,

it was raining.

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1 When I got to school, my friends

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2 The teacher came into the classroom while

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3 When I arrived home, I

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4 While I was doing my homework,

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