

Grammar 2

Past simple and past continuous

LOOK!

We use *when* with the past simple.
We use *while* with the past continuous.

1 Circle the correct words.

- While** / **When** he was waiting for the bus, he saw an accident.
- We were running in the park **when** / **while** we saw a big dog.
 - While** / **When** we were talking, our friend bought the cinema tickets.
 - Were you having a shower **when** / **while** I phoned you?
 - I was cycling to school **when** / **while** I fell off my bike.

2 Order the words to make sentences.

- getting / I / I into / I saw / a bear / my tent / was / While .
While I was getting into my tent, I saw a bear.
- home / It / snowed / while / we / were / walking .
It _____ home.
 - we saw / the dolphin / swimming / the sea / in / We / were / when .
We were _____ the dolphin.
 - she / laughing / when / Jill / said / was / 'hello' .
Jill _____ 'hello'.
 - the / eating / phone / I / when / my / breakfast / rang / was .
I was _____ phone rang.

3 Circle the two correct verbs in each sentence.

- She **was chatting** / **chatted** online when her brother **was arriving** / **arrived** home.
- While she **was finishing** / **finished** dinner, she **was doing** / **did** her homework.
 - It **was raining** / **rained** when we **arrived** / **were arriving** at the party.
 - I **lost** / **was losing** my computer while I **studied** / **was studying** at school.
 - While I **was running** / **ran** for the bus, I **fell** / **was falling** over!

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4 Circle the correct verbs to complete the dialogue.

- Rick:** Hi Sam. Are you OK?
Sam: No, I (1) **had** / **was having** a difficult day yesterday.
Rick: Why? What happened to you?
Sam: First, I (2) **was losing** / **lost** my keys while I (3) **walked** / **was walking** to school.
Rick: Then what (4) **was happening** / **happened**?
Sam: I (5) **was meeting** / **met** Jake and we (6) **started** / **was starting** chatting and I was very late for class. My teacher was very angry!

