

2 Grammar extension

Past simple and past continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

look not listen play ring see travel

Paul was playing computer games while I was reading a magazine.

- 1 He _____ for ideas for his book when he read about the mystery.
- 2 While Jenny _____ on her own, she felt quite lonely.
- 3 We _____ Kelly while we were travelling on the bus.
- 4 I _____ to my mum when she was talking to me this morning, so I don't know what she said.
- 5 When I was talking to Lucy, my phone _____.

Past perfect

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past perfect.

I knew she would be late because (she / phone / me / from the bus stop).

... she had phoned me from the bus stop.

- 1 (I / not / read / the play) before I saw it at the theatre.

- 2 By the time we got to the bus station, (we / miss / the last bus).

- 3 (We / already / buy our tickets) when Matt told us that the film was terrible.

- 4 (We / not / be / to the Chinese restaurant), but we decided to try it.

- 5 He arrived at 8 pm, and (the party / already / start).

- 6 They went out to dinner after (they / be / to the cinema).

- 7 (Lucy / already / leave / for the airport) when Dan got to her house.

3 Correct the time expressions.

We had ~~before~~ seen the film, so we talked through most of it! _____

- 1 We arrived at 2 pm and after most people had finished lunch. _____
- 2 Already I had spoken to Jenny on the phone, I booked the concert tickets. _____
- 3 By then we left the party, it had started to rain! _____
- 4 Already I had studied Spanish, I went to live in Spain for a year. _____
- 5 I had been to the museum after, so I knew what it was like. _____

