

Unit 5 Grammar Worksheet 1

Name _____

Past Simple or Past Continuous

1 Circle the correct option.

My sister (1.) met **was meeting** her boyfriend when she (2.) **worked / was working** at the cinema. She (3.) **served / was serving** popcorn when he (4.) **walked / was walking** up to the counter. He (5.) **smiled / was smiling** at her and (6.) **ordered / was ordering** a soft drink. She (7.) **served / was serving** the soft drink, but while she (8.) **turned around / was turning around**, she tripped and (9.) **spilled / was spilling** it all over him! Luckily he thought her nervousness was fun and they went out on a date the next week, to another cinema! This time they ordered only popcorn!



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

I remember the earthquake last year. I (1.) was sitting (sit) at my desk in school when I (2.) _____ (feel) the shaking. The teacher (3.) _____ (talk) about the life cycle of whales while we (4.) _____ (take) notes. Suddenly everything (5.) _____ (begin) to shake and a book (6.) _____ (fall) off the shelf. We all (7.) _____ (stop) what we (8.) _____ (do) and left the room. We (9.) _____ (go) to the hallway to get away from windows and falling objects. It only (10.) _____ (last) a few seconds and then we (11.) _____ (go) back to our class. After that situation, it was really hard to concentrate on the teacher's lecture!



3 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. My parents were making dinner when ... | a. we heard a knock at the door. |
| 2. I was doing my homework in my bedroom while ... | b. a string broke. |
| 3. Jamie was working at the corner shop while ... | c. listening to music. |
| 4. My aunt was going to work when ... | d. we were reviewing for a test. |
| 5. I was playing the guitar when ... | e. studying at the university. |
| 6. They were painting the school while ... | f. she saw an accident. |