

## Past Simple or Past Continuous?

- Complete Kristy's e-mail. Use the verbs below. Use the correct form of the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

arrive • buy • have • know • play • not have • choose

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Dear Grandma,

Thanks for the great video game. It <sup>1</sup> ..... in the post this morning while I <sup>2</sup> ..... breakfast. How <sup>3</sup> ..... you ..... I wanted it?

Last week, I went into a computer shop. Two people <sup>4</sup> ..... this game for more than 20 minutes. I almost <sup>5</sup> ..... it, but I <sup>6</sup> ..... enough money with me. I'm so glad you <sup>7</sup> ..... it for me.

Lots of love,  
Kristy

- Write sentences with the words below. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. I saw Mr Johnson today.  
he / walk / home / when / I / meet / him  
He was walking home when I met him......
2. The lectures were very interesting.  
while / the scientists / speak / everyone / listen / carefully  
.....
3. Jim didn't know the way to the beach. Luckily, Sally was with him.  
she / give / him / directions / while / he / drive  
.....
4. We were frightened yesterday.  
we / hear / the alarm / while / we / work / in the bank  
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- Complete the questions and answers. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

**Paul:** What <sup>1</sup> ..... Tom ..... (do) when Amy <sup>2</sup> ..... (walk) in?

**Brad:** He was listening to his iPod and dancing. He <sup>3</sup> ..... (feel) very embarrassed!

**Mary:** Who <sup>4</sup> ..... you ..... (talk) to while I <sup>5</sup> ..... (try) to study?

**Mum:** I was on the phone to my boss. I'm sorry I <sup>6</sup> ..... (disturb) you.

**Stella:** <sup>7</sup> ..... they ..... (arrest) the car thief?

**John:** No, but while they <sup>8</sup> ..... (search) for more clues today, they <sup>9</sup> ..... (find) a wallet. They think it belongs to the thief.