Past simple and past continuous

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

1. She ___________ (surf) when the shark ___________ (attack) her.
2. He ___________ (dance) at a party when he ___________ (meet) his girlfriend.
3. I ___________ (have) a picnic when I ___________ (see) my sister.
4. When they ___________ (see) the shark they ___________ (swim) in the sea.
5. Susan ___________ (arrive) while I ___________ (have) dinner.
6. He ___________ (play) football, when he ___________ (break) his leg.
7. I ___________ (wait) for my friend when the bus ___________ (arrive).
8. When I ___________ (wait) for my friend when the bus ___________ (arrive).

2 Choose the correct word.

DAVE: Hi, Jenny, what (1) did you do / are you doing last weekend?

JENNY: I (2) was going / went to a party.

DAVE: (3) Did / Do you have a good time?

JENNY: Yes, I really (4) am enjoying / enjoyed it.

DAVE: I (5) met / was meeting this really nice guy.

JENNY: His name's Danny.

DAVE: Oh, yes?

JENNY: I (6) was talking / talked to my friend Paula, when Danny (7) asked / was asking me to dance.

JENNY: Where's he from?

DAVE: Liverpool, but he (8) lives / lived in London at the moment.

JENNY: How (9) does he know / is he knowing Paula?

DAVE: They (10) are going / go to swimming club together.

JENNY: So, (11) are / were you seeing him again?

DAVE: Yes, we (12) go / are going to the cinema tonight.

JENNY: Great. Have a good time.

3 Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentences.

1. She was seeing the shark while she was surfing.

2. What was you doing last night at 8.00pm?

3. I was reading a book when my brother was getting back.

4. He didn’t liked the film very much.

5. What did he see while he swam?

6. You can turn off the TV, I not was watching it.

7. I was talking to Stephen while the phone rang.

8. I went to the cinema last night but I wasn’t liking the film.