Past Continuous vs. Simple Past

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1. Choose the correct sentence.

Choose the correct combination.

1. Background + event
   Choices: While I walked, I was finding a wallet. / While I was walking, I found a wallet. / While I was walking, I was finding a wallet.

   Answer: _____

2. Event + background
   Choices: I lost my keys when I was running for the bus. / I was losing my keys when I ran for the bus. / I lost my keys when I ran for the bus yesterday while.

   Answer: _____

3. Two actions in progress
   Choices: She was cooking while he was studying. / She cooked while he studying. / She was cooking while he studied.

   Answer: _____

4. Interrupting
   Choices: The phone rang while we had dinner. / The phone rang while we were having dinner. / The phone was ringing while we had dinner.

   Answer: _____

2. Complete the sentence.

Write the correct form.

1. I ___ (walk) home when it started to rain.

2. While we ___ (wait), the bus arrived.

3. She ___ (find) a wallet while she was cleaning the car.

4. What were you ___ (do) when I called?

3. Tell what happened.

Use when or while with the past continuous and simple past.

3. Tell what happened. (continued)

1. Something you found.

2. Something that interrupted you.

3. Two things at the same time.