

## Unit 5 Challenges

### Lesson A: The Past Continuous and Simple Past

**A** Write the past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Last summer, Miguel and Pedro \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English in California.
2. The team didn't play soccer yesterday because it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
3. The wind \_\_\_\_\_ (blow) very hard yesterday, too.
4. In class today, Mr. Torres \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about challenges.
5. At 3 o'clock this afternoon, Ivan and his son \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus.

**B** Circle the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. The presentation you *gave* / *were giving* in class was very interesting.
2. Everyone listened very carefully while you *spoke* / *were speaking*.
3. I *cooked* / *was cooking* pasta for dinner on Tuesday.
4. At midnight, we *slept* / *were sleeping*.
5. Yesterday at this time, Luis *took* / *was taking* a test.

**C** Write the past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a test when the fire alarm went off.
2. Carmen didn't hear the phone ring because she \_\_\_\_\_ (dry) her hair.
3. Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ (win) at halftime.
4. Linda's mother \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) on a business trip last week.
5. Diego \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) with his friends in the park at 10 o'clock this morning.

**D** Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. Their mother came home _____      | <b>a.</b> when I was in Montreal.             |
| 2. Juan hurt his ankle _____         | <b>b.</b> while they were cleaning the house. |
| 3. I was talking to my brother _____ | <b>c.</b> when they saw two police cars.      |
| 4. It was snowing _____              | <b>d.</b> when I got your text. What's up?    |
| 5. They were driving home _____      | <b>e.</b> while he was playing baseball.      |

**E** Circle *when* or *while* to complete the sentences.

1. Selina was trying not to yawn *when* / *while* her boss was giving a presentation.
2. *When* / *While* Jorge was waiting in the airport, he read a newspaper.
3. My family was living in Monterey *when* / *while* my youngest brother was born.
4. *When* / *While* Tracy moved to Mexico, she didn't speak Spanish.