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Complete each sentence using the verb given in the parentheses.

- 1) When Lucas _____, he was eating ice cream. (eat)
- 2) I _____ another action. (knock)
- 3) As kids, we _____ the verb given in the parentheses. (study)
- 4) Since I _____, I would go to school. (cry)
- 5) We _____ if we could sit in the library for some time. (wonder)
- 6) Mr. Muller _____ a speech when Tom entered the hall. (give)
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- 1) When Lucas was watching TV, his mother came. (watch)
- 2) I was reading a book when the phone rang. (read)
- 3) As kids, we would go to school every day. (go)
- 4) Since I was traveling, I couldn't visit my grandparents. (travel)
- 5) We were wondering if we could sit in the library for some time. (wonder)
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