Past Simple vs Past Continuous

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6. We were playing chess **when / while** the power went out.
7. I saw a cute dog **when / while** I was walking to the store this afternoon.

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While he .....(buy) his groceries, a person with a hood over their head .....(get on) Mr. Thompson's bike and .....(ride) away. Then he .....(spot) him and .....(chase) after him. Then he .....(realize) that Buddy, his pet dog, was in the basket. He .....(choose) to go to the security office. While he .....(pay) the cab driver, he .....(notice) his bike - it was in the security parking lot!

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