Past Continuous

1 What were the people doing last night at nine o'clock? Complete the sentences with the Past continuous of the verbs in the box.

not eat	not sit	not watch	play	read	sit	watch

1 Andy, Mary and I ..... in the living room.
We ..... in the dining room.
2 I ..... an excellent movie on TV.
3 Diana ..... her favorite book.
4 Maya ..... an orange.
5 Nick and Simon ..... TV. They ..... a computer game.

2 Put the words in order to make questions. Then write short answers.

1 past / cooking / eight / your brother / Was / dinner / at / half / ? ☑

A .....

B .....

2 Lauren and Ben / afternoon / at / two o'clock / speaking / on their cell phones / Were / yesterday / ? ☒

A .....

B .....

3 Saturday / you and your friends / Were / kites / afternoon / flying / on / ? ☑

A .....

B .....

4 eleven / bedroom / sleeping / in / at / Was / last night / Claire / o'clock / her / ? ☒

A .....

B .....

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3 Choose the correct answers.

1 The telephone rang while I ..... a shower.

a had b was taking c were taking

2 When he ..... this afternoon, we were studying for the test.

a arrived b was arriving c were arriving

3 Rod saw Emily while he ..... for the bus.

a waited b was waiting c were waiting

4 We were having lunch when Helen .....home.

a came b was coming c were coming

5 While Sonia and Kate ..... their homework, their mother called them.

a did b was doing c were doing

4 Complete the sentences with the Past simple or the Past continuous.

1 While I was cycling home, I ..... (fall) off my bike.

2 While my sister ..... (explain) the situation, my mom started to laugh.

3 Something strange ..... (happen) while I was doing my homework.

4 I ..... (dance) with my friends when my cousin took a photo of us.

5 Jack helped me while I ..... (do) the dishes.

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