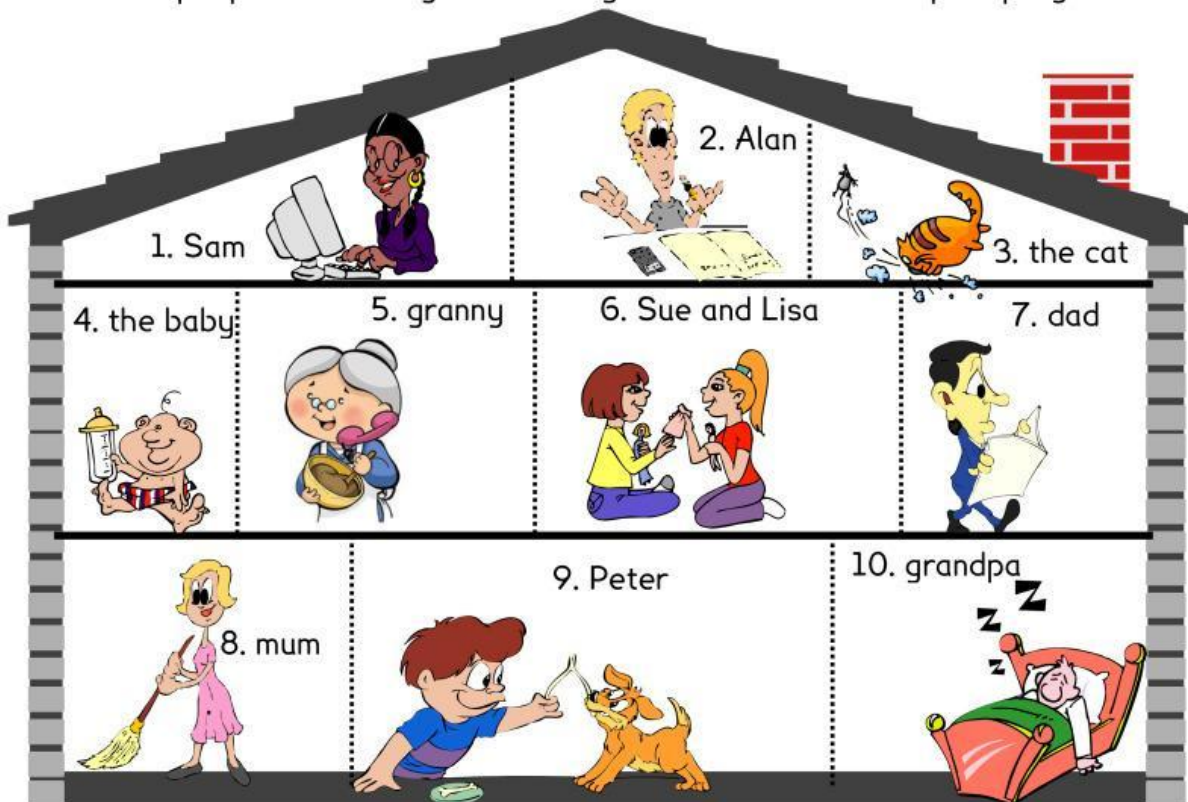


The Past Progressive

Exercise 1: When the lights went out ...

The Millers were doing different activities when a storm caused a power cut. Say what these people were doing when the lights went out. Use the past progressive.



Exercise 2: What were they doing when something happened?

Form sentences about what these people were doing. Use the past progressive and the simple past. Connect the parts of the sentences with *when* and *while*.



1. read / book ⇔ baby / cry



2. ride / bike ⇔ accident / happen



3. computer / catch / fire ⇔ do / homework



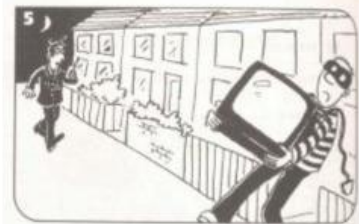
4. dog / bite ⇔ look / at shop window

5. burglar / take away / TV ⇔ policeman / come

6. play / basketball ⇔ start / to rain

7. telephone / ring ⇔ have / a bath

8. wait for / bus ⇔ see a UFO



Exercise 1: When the lights went out ...

1. Sam **was working** at her computer.
2. Adam **was doing** his homework.
3. The cat **was trying** to catch a mouse.
4. The baby **was drinking** some milk.
5. Granny **was making** a cake and phoning a friend.
6. Sue and Lisa **were playing** with their dolls.
7. Dad **was reading** the newspaper.
8. Mum **was sweeping** the floor.
9. Peter **was feeding** the dog.
10. Grandpa **was sleeping** in his bed.

Exercise 2:

1. They **were reading** a book when the baby **started to cry**.
While they **were reading** a book, the baby **started to cry**.
2. She **was riding** her bike when the accident **happened**.
The accident **happened** while she **was driving** by.
3. He **was doing** his English homework when the computer **caught** fire.
The computer **caught** fire while he **was doing** his English homework.
4. She **was looking** at the shop window when she **was bitten** by a dog.
She **was bitten** by a dog while she **was looking** at the shop window.
5. The burglar **was taking away** the TV when the policeman **arrived**.
The policeman **arrived** while the burglar **was taking away** the TV.
6. They **were playing** basketball when it **started to rain**.
It **started to rain** while they **were playing** basketball.
7. She **was having** a bath when the telephone **rang**.
While she **was having** a bath, the telephone **rang**.
8. They **were waiting** at the bus stop when they **saw** a UFO.
While they **were waiting** at the bus stop, they **saw** a UFO.