Past Continuous and Past Simple

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

was playing
were playing
was watching
were watching
was working
were working
was having
were having

1. I didn't hear the phone ring – I ..... a shower.
2. We couldn't go to sleep last night – our neighbours ..... music very loud.
3. Dad couldn't come to watch the match – he ..... at my uncle's shop.
4. Sorry I didn't answer your call last night – I ..... a film on TV.
5. I saw Paul ten minutes.ago – he ..... baseball in the park.
6. We got up really early today – at 6 o'clock we ..... breakfast!
7. Bob and Kay were in the library yesterday – they ..... really hard!
8. When I got to the house, my friends ..... a horror film on DVD.

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the past continuous.

In my house, at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:

1. I ..... my homework. (do)
2. My sister ..... television. (watch)
3. Our two dogs ..... in the kitchen. (play)
4. My grandmother ..... to my mother. (talk)
5. My mother ..... to my grandmother. (listen)
6. My father ..... spaghetti. (cook)
7. My brother ..... emails to his friends. (write)
8. Our cat ..... to catch a mouse. (try)

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