1) Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs from the box.

clean • do • make • play • read • sleep • watch

Everybody in my family was busy on Sunday morning…

a. My mom _____ *Clash of the Titans*.
b. JoAnn, my sister, _____ a book on Greek mythology.
c. My dad _____ lasagna for lunch.
d. Evan, my brother, _____ his homework.
e. My grandma and grandpa _____ dominoes.
f. Aunt Sophie _____ the house.
g. Our dog Buddy _____ on the sofa.

2) Correct the sentences according to the cues, writing negative and affirmative sentences.

Last Saturday at 10 pm …

a. *Kayla was hanging out with friends. (watch a movie)*
   Kayla wasn't hanging out with friends. She was watching a movie.
b. Ms. Taylor was correcting tests. (have dinner with her boyfriend)
c. My parents were sleeping. (dance at a party)
d. I was doing homework. (read a book)
e. My friends were playing video games. (eat pizza)
f. Doug was doing the dishes. (play the guitar)

3) Underline the correct verb forms in the sentences.

a. The islanders ***celebrated*** / ***were celebrating*** their gods when the film crew ***arrived*** / ***were arriving***.
b. The storm ***began*** / ***was beginning*** when we ***listened*** / ***were listening*** to the folk tale.
c. The Robinsons ***slept*** / ***were sleeping*** when the earthquake ***happened*** / ***was happening***.
d. The lights ***went out*** / ***were going out*** when the students ***did*** / ***were doing*** the history test.
e. When I ***got*** / ***was getting*** home, my parents ***watched*** / ***were watching*** a documentary on Norse myths.
f. The farmers ***cut*** / ***were cutting*** the preserved vegetation when the police ***arrested*** / ***were arresting*** them.
g. Cara ***called*** / ***was calling*** me when I ***wrote*** / ***was writing*** an essay about myths from the Amazon.
h. Ryan ***played*** / ***was playing*** an online game when his computer ***crashed*** / ***was crashing***.

4) Complete the conversations with the past simple or past continuous forms of the verbs in parentheses.

Kylie: What _____ your mom _____ (do) when she _____ (hurt) her leg?
Aidan: She _____ (ride) her bike to work.
Kylie: _____ she _____ (carry) your little sister?
Aidan: No, Mia _____ (be) at home, with my dad.

Jordan: Guess what! I _____ (see) Jaden and Nicole at the movies last night!
Taylor: No kidding! _____ they _____ (hold) hands?
Jordan: Yeah! And they _____ (watch) *Love in a Rainy Afternoon*, a very romantic movie. I _____ (see) them buying the tickets.

Daniel: _____ you _____ (watch) the soccer game yesterday afternoon?
Ethan: Not really. I _____ (have) lunch with my family at the time of the game. I _____ (see) part of it on a TV set at the restaurant, but then we _____ (leave).

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