



**I. Put the verbs in brackets into the past continuous.**

- 1. I ....*was cooking*....(**cook**) when I heard a knock on the door.
- 2. The Wilsons .....(**travel**) to their summer house when the thunderstorm hit it.
- 3. While Ann ..... (**work**), the telephone rang.
- 4. She ..... (**paint**) the living room while the children .....(**play**) in the garden.
- 5. Simon .....(**watch**) TV all day yesterday.
- 6. What .....the Simpsons .....(**do**) yesterday afternoon?
- 7. He ..... (**not/study**) when his mother came into the room.

**II. Circle the correct words.**

- 1. I ( **watched** / **was watching** ) a DVD when my cat ( **jumped** / **was jumping** ) on me.
- 2. She ( **bought** / **was buying** ) a new dress last month.
- 3. Greg ( **slept** / **was sleeping** ) while Joan ( **listened** / **was listening** ) to her MP3 player.
- 4. Mum ( **cooked** / **was cooking** ) dinner when someone ( **knocked** / **was knocking** ) on the door.
- 5. Sue ( **watered** / **was watering** ) the flowers when it ( **started** / **was starting** ) to rain.
- 6. They ( **walked** / **were walking** ) to school last Monday because there was no bus.
- 7. I ( **ate** / **was eating** ) a sandwich while my parents ( **drank** / **were drinking** ) coffee.

**III. Write the past continuous or the past simple form of the verbs.**

- 1. Jack .....*was playing*....(**play**) a video game when his brother..... *entered*.....(**enter**) the room.
- 2. I.....(**study**) for my English test when my mother ..... (**come**) home from work.
- 3. I.....(**read**) a book when my sister ..... (**leave**) for the cinema.
- 4. Emma .....(**wash**) the dishes when the telephone ..... (**ring**)
- 5. We.....(**write**) an email when the lights .....(**go**) out.