Questions in the Past Progressive

There are a few ways to form questions in the past progressive (past continuous) verb tense.

One way is to move the "was" or "were" to the beginning of the sentence.

Ex: Ruben **was sleeping** at 11 pm last night. → **Was** Ruben **sleeping** at 11 pm last night?

Another way is to add a question word to the beginning of the sentence. The "was" or "were" still moves in front of the subject.

Ex: Martin was reading the newspaper. → **What** was Martin reading?
Joseph was running late because he missed the bus. → **Why** was Joseph running late?
Cassie was going to work. → **Where** was Cassie going?
Ruben was sleeping at 11 pm last night. → **When** was Ruben sleeping?
They were driving quickly. → **How** were they driving?
Pam was calling me all night. → **Who** was calling me all night?

Choose the best question form for each sentence.

1) They were dancing to loud music. _____?
2) You were cooking dinner together. _____?
3) Lucas was playing the piano. _____?

Read the answers. Use the underlined words to choose the best question.

4) Maddie was going to the store. _____?
5) They were eating pizza. _____?
6) The dog was eating noisily. _____?
7) Carol was tired because she didn't sleep well. _____?

Read the answers. Use the underlined words to write the question.

8) Tobias was eating lunch at 12 pm yesterday. _____?
9) Noah was painting with Marcos. _____?
10) We were eating quickly because we only had a few minutes for lunch.
_____?
11) They were meeting us at the park. _____?

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