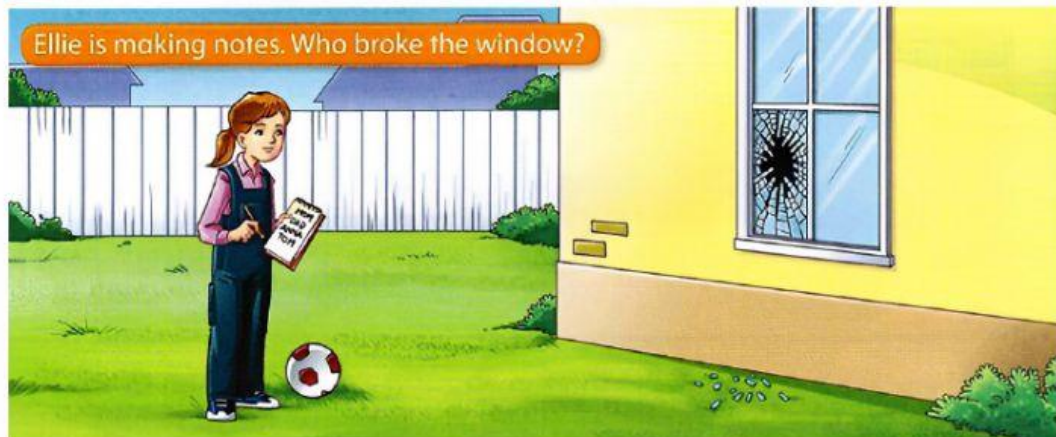


Complete Ellie's notes. Use the past continuous forms of the words in the box.



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Mom ¹ _____ the flowers this morning. She ² _____ a cake.
 Dad ³ _____ the car this morning. He ⁴ _____ his newspaper in the living room. Anna ⁵ _____ in the garden. She ⁶ _____ her homework in her bedroom. So, who was in the garden this morning? Tom and Danny! They ⁷ _____ TV in the living room. They ⁸ _____ a ball in the garden. They broke the window!

Study the Grammar rules below

Past Continuous and Simple Past with *When* and *While*

You often use the past continuous and the simple past in the same sentence to talk about two things that happen at the same time. Use the past continuous to talk about the longer action.

We were getting ready for our school play when the lights went out.

Use the simple past to talk about the shorter (interrupting) action.

We were getting ready for our school play when the lights went out.

Use *when* and *while* to link the two events.

The teacher was holding a flashlight while she looked for some candles.

When our parents were sitting down, the teacher asked them to blow out their candles.

Note that the two parts of the sentence can change places.



Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.

Ana I'm sorry I'm late! While I ¹ _____ (come) to meet you, I saw an accident.

Sara Really? Where?

Ana It was in the park. I was walking in the park when I ² _____ (see) some actors on a stage. They ³ _____ (perform) a play when I saw them. One of the actors was running on the stage when he ⁴ _____ (fall) off.

Sara Oh no! Were there lots of people there?

Ana Yes, there were. Lots of people ⁵ _____ (help) the actor when a doctor arrived.

Sara Wow! The doctor arrived very quickly!

Ana Well, the doctor ⁶ _____ (walk) in the park when he saw the accident. He ⁷ _____ (try) to call an ambulance when his cell phone battery ran out. I was standing near him when his phone ⁸ _____ (stop) working. I had my phone with me, so I called the ambulance. I was trying to call you when the ambulance ⁹ _____ (arrive). I wanted to tell you why I was late!

Sara It's OK. You're here now!

