

Personal stories

A What were you doing?

1 Put the letters in the correct order to make adverbs. Complete the sentences.



(yuoutrniftane)

1 I was having a great day on Tuesday. Then, unfortunately, I left my bag at a restaurant.



(llicyuk)

2 _____, someone found it.



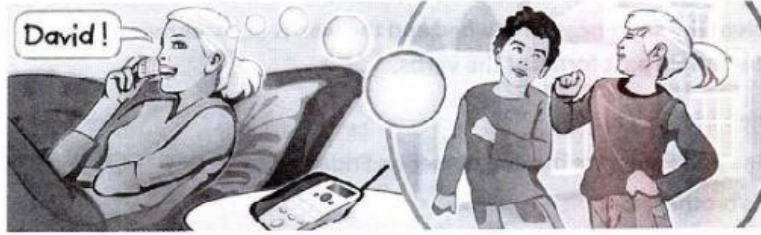
(lyfetoanutr)

3 And _____, my cell phone was in the bag.



(lsyruinsgipr)

4 _____, the person who found it called my home phone.



(aznigayml)

5 _____, the person was David, a boy I went to school with when I was six! We made plans to meet at a café.



(yestargln)

6 _____, David looked the same! We ate lunch and talked a lot.



(snueyddl)

7 Then David got a phone call, and he left the café.



(sayld)

8 _____, I never saw him again.

2 What were they doing when the lights went out? Write sentences with the past continuous forms of the verbs.

- 1 (Mi-na / read / a book)

Mi-na was reading a book.

- 2 (Martin / wash / the dishes)

- 3 (Brad and Kate / watch / TV)

- 4 (I / talk / to Tom / on the phone)

- 5 (Laura / play / video games)

- 6 (Mr. and Mrs. Jones / eat / dinner)



3 Complete the sentences with *when* and the words in parentheses. Use the simple past forms of the verbs.

- 1 (their friends / arrive)

Jane and Paul were making dinner on Friday *when their friends arrived*.

- 2 (his brother / call)

Martin was driving to the store

- 3 (the electricity / go off)

What were you doing yesterday

- 4 (Jill / send me / a text message)

, I was talking to Tom on my cell phone.

- 5 (the ambulance / come)

What were they doing

- 6 (the storm / begin)

, I was walking home from work.

4 Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the simple past or the past continuous of the verbs in parentheses.

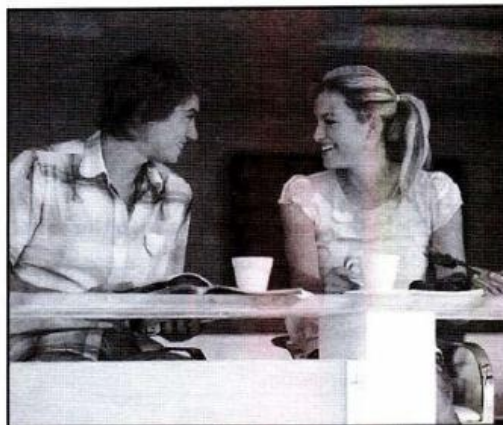
Rick Hi, Lisa. What ¹ were you ² doing (do) when the electricity ³ went (go) off?

Lisa Unfortunately, I ⁴ was working (work) on the computer! I couldn't finish my work. What ⁵ were you ⁶ doing (do)?

Rick Oh, I ⁷ was sleeping (sleep) when everything ⁸ went (go) dark. I didn't even know what happened.

Lisa Really? It was only 7.30 p.m.

Rick Well, I ⁹ took (take) a nap in the living room. I think I slept for a long time. When I ¹⁰ woke (wake) up, it was really dark. So I just went to bed. While everyone else ¹¹ was having (have) problems, I ¹² was sleeping (sleep)!



5 Complete the story with the verbs in the box. Use the past continuous or the simple past.

✓cook	go	make	stand	turn
fall	hear	see	try	

Terry and Wendy ¹ were cooking in the kitchen when the electricity suddenly ² went off. Unfortunately, while Terry ³ was trying to find a light, he ⁴ fell down. He ⁵ made a loud noise when he fell. When Wendy ⁶ heard the noise, she ⁷ was standing by the window. While she ⁸ was looking around, she ⁹ saw something move outside the window. What was it?

6 Answer the questions with your own information. Write complete sentences.

Example: I took biology, history of China, and English last year.

- What classes did you take last year? _____
- What were you saying the last time you spoke? _____
- Where did you eat breakfast today? _____
- What did you do last night? _____
- What were you doing at 6:00 a.m. today? _____
- What were you doing when class started? _____