

# Past Continuous

1 What were the people doing last night at nine o'clock? Complete the sentences with the **Past continuous** of the verbs in the box.

not eat    not sit    not watch    play    read    sit    watch

- 1 Andy, Mary and I ..... in the living room.  
We ..... in the dining room.
- 2 I ..... an excellent movie on TV.
- 3 Diana ..... her favorite book.
- 4 Maya ..... an orange.
- 5 Nick and Simon ..... TV. They ..... a computer game.

2 Put the words in order to make questions. Then write short answers.

- 1 past / cooking / eight / your brother / Was / dinner / at / half / ? ☒

A .....

B .....

- 2 Lauren and Ben / afternoon / at / two o'clock / speaking / on their cell phones / Were / yesterday / ? ☒

A .....

B .....

- 3 Saturday / you and your friends / Were / kites / afternoon / flying / on / ? ☒

A .....

B .....

- 4 eleven / bedroom / sleeping / in / at / Was / last night / Claire / o'clock / her / ? ☒

A .....

B .....

### 3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The telephone rang while I ..... a shower.  
a had            b was taking            c were taking
- 2 When he ..... this afternoon, we were studying for the test.  
a arrived            b was arriving            c were arriving
- 3 Rod saw Emily while he ..... for the bus.  
a waited            b was waiting            c were waiting
- 4 We were having lunch when Helen ..... home.  
a came            b was coming            c were coming
- 5 While Sonia and Kate ..... their homework, their mother called them.  
a did            b was doing            c were doing

### 4 Complete the sentences with the **Past simple** or the **Past continuous**.

- 1 While I was cycling home, I ..... (fall) off my bike.
- 2 While my sister ..... (explain) the situation, my mom started to laugh.
- 3 Something strange ..... (happen) while I was doing my homework.
- 4 I ..... (dance) with my friends when my cousin took a photo of us.
- 5 Jack helped me while I ..... (do) the dishes.