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Find examples of the past simple and past continuous in the dialogue between Mr Hamed and Nasser in Activity 2. Then read the sentences below and choose the best form of the verb in each.

- a We **were having/had** dinner when there was a power cut.
- b J.K.Rowling taught English before she **wrote/was writing** the Harry Potter books.
- c When I first lived abroad, I **experienced/was experiencing** many problems.
- d What **were you doing/did you do** at four o'clock yesterday afternoon? I **was drinking/drank** coffee with my friends.
- e The film was so boring that I almost **fell /was falling** asleep.