1 Complete the sentences with the correct past continuous form of the verbs below. There is one extra verb which you do not need.

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1 Last night, Matt _____ about Lily.
2 Matt did most of the housework, while Lily _____ TV in the living room.
3 In Lily's vlog, Matt _____ to loud music in the kitchen.
4 When Matt finished his jobs, Lily _____ her room.
5 _____ Matt _____ video games all night?
6 Lily _____ a cake she made for her friend's party.

2 Choose the correct alternative to complete the dialogue.

A What [1] was / were you doing yesterday morning? [2] Was / Were you watching TV?
B No, I [3] wasn't / weren't. I got up very early because Mum wanted us to do housework – at 7 o'clock in the morning! By 7.30 she [4] was / were sweeping the floor and I was tidying my room.
A Why [5] was / were you doing all the housework so early?
B My grandparents [6] was / were visiting us in the afternoon and Mum [7] was / were worrying about how untidy the house looked.
A So, did you finish all the housework?
B Yes, we finished all of the jobs. Mum even had time to go to the supermarket before my grandparents arrived.
A I hope you [8] wasn't / weren't watching TV then.
B No, of course not! I [9] was / were helping Dad. But after all that cleaning, I want to do something fun today!

3 Complete the conversation with the correct positive (+) or negative (-) past continuous form of the verbs below.

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Kim: Hi Meg. I sent you a message last night but you didn't reply.
Meg: Hi Kim. I'm sorry. I [1] _____ (–) you! I didn't see your message until this morning.
Kim: Don't worry. I guess you were busy. What [2] _____?
Meg: We [3] _____ (+) because my brother passed his exams.
Kim: Fantastic! I bet he was really happy.
Meg: Yes, he got four As and five Bs. He [4] _____ (+) a lot before the exams.
Kim: I remember. And were your parents pleased?
Meg: Yes, they were. They ordered his favourite food as a surprise. You sent me a message at 8 o'clock. But I [5] _____ (+) pizza.
Kim: Lucky you – pizza is my favourite food, too. I'm not surprised you [6] _____ (–) at your phone! You [7] _____ (+) the pizza too much!

4 Order the words to make questions. Then answer the questions.

1 playing / before dinner / Matt / video games / was / ?
_____
_____ ✓

2 were / helping / Matt and Lily / to / each other / do all the housework / ?
_____
_____ ✗

3 Lily / tidying / was / her room / ?
_____
_____ ✓

4 was / taking out the rubbish / Matt / when / decorating a cake / Lily / was / ?
_____
_____ ✗

5 late / working / Matt and Lily's parents / were / ?
_____
_____ ✓

6 Lily / was / watering the plants / the / in / evening / ?
_____
_____ ✗

5 Think about what you were doing at the times below. Write sentences that are true for you using the past continuous.

7 o'clock this morning
10 o'clock last Tuesday evening
10.30 last Sunday morning
1.30 last Saturday afternoon
9.30 last night
2 o'clock last New Year's Day afternoon
half an hour ago
6 o'clock last Friday evening

1 At 7 o'clock this morning I was _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

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