

1. 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)

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3. (Brad and Kate / watch / TV)

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

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5. (Laura / play / video games)

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

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2. 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.

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

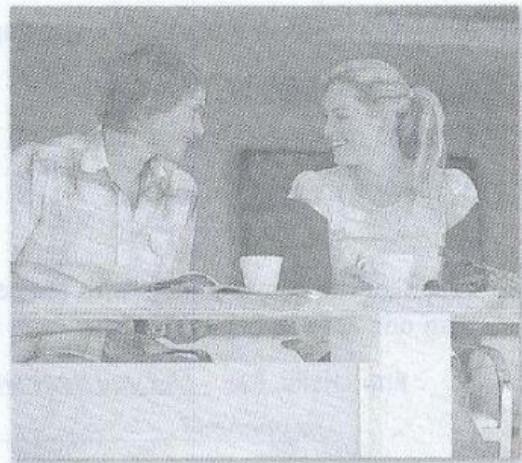
Rick: Hi, Lisa. What were ¹ you doing ² (do) when the electricity went ³ (go) off?

Lisa: Unfortunately, I was working ³ (work) on the computer! I couldn't finish my work. What were ⁴ you doing ⁴ (do)?

Rick: Oh, I was sleeping ⁵ (sleep) when everything went ⁶ (go) dark. I didn't even know what happened.

Lisa: Really? It was only 7:30 p.m.

Rick: Well, I was taking ⁷ (take) a nap in the living room. I think I slept for a long time. When I woke ⁸ (wake) up, it was really dark. So I just went to bed. While everyone had ⁹ (have) problems, I was sleeping ¹⁰ (sleep)!



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

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Terry and Wendy were cooking in the kitchen when the electricity suddenly _____ off.

Unfortunately, while Terry _____ to find a light, he _____ down. He _____ a loud noise. When Wendy _____ the noise, she _____ by the window. While she _____ around, she _____ something moves outside the window. What was it?