Past Continuous

We use the past continuous with past simple to talk about an action that was interrupted by another action: We can use *when* to link the two sentences. For example:

What was Bart doing when it started to rain?

Bart was riding the skateboard (when) it started to rain.

more examples:

Affirmative form	Negative form	Question form
Bart was riding the skateboard when it started to rain.	Bart wasn't riding the bike when it started to rain.	Was he riding the skateboard when it started to rain?
Patty and Selma were doing shopping when Mr. Burns died.	Patty and Selma weren't having dinner when Mr. Burns died.	Were Patty and Selma doing shopping when Mr. Burns died?

Practice time!

1. **Look** at the pictures and **write** the actions they were doing when they were interrupted. **Use** the verbs in brackets.

A)

Lisa _____ (swim) when a shark appeared.

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B)

Bart _____ (eat pizza) when it started to rain.

C)

Homer and Marge _____ (drive) when they had an accident.

D)

Homer _____ (drink a beer) when it started to rain.

E)

Bart and Lisa_____ (have breakfast) when Homer left for work.

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