

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

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- 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.