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We use **past continuous** with the **past simple** when a long action is interrupted by a short action.

GUIDE: Subject + **was/were** + verb-**ing** (long action in past continuous) + (object) + **when** (conjunction) + subject + **verb** (short action in past simple)

Circle or underline the correct **was** or **were** and fill in the rest of the sentence using the correct form of the verbs.

She was/were *walking* (walk) when the rain *started* (*start*).

We was/were _____ (swim) when the shark _____ (attack).

They was/were _____ (sing) when the bird _____ (crash) into my window.

I was/were _____ (eat) when the alien _____ (wave).

She was/were _____ (run) when she _____ (slip) on a banana.

We was/were _____ (drive) when the earthquake _____ (happen).

I was/were _____ (sleep) when the lion _____ (roar).

We was/were _____ (climb) when the plane _____ (fly) over.

I was/were _____ (read) when the power _____ (go) out.

They was/were playing when they _____ (see) a shooting star.

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Try and create 5 different sentences using the images above.
Remember to use the images for your **past simple**.

What was happening in the image? What were you doing when that action started? Were you with others or alone?

I want to get your best ideas so be creative and have fun. 😊