ANSWER KEY

8 p.m. last night

look, write, cover, ask

1 What were they doing at 8 p.m. last night? Write the sentences. ✗ = no.

Then cover your sentences, look at the pictures and say them again.



Kuba / take a shower

Kuba *was taking* a shower.



my parents / watch TV

My parents *were watching* TV.



Ola / walk her dog

Ola *was walking* her dog.



I / do my homework

I *was doing* my homework.



the twins / play a video game

The twins *were playing* a video game.



we / have dinner

We *were having* dinner.



my grandpa / sleep ✗

My grandpa *wasn't sleeping* yet.



Zosia / listen to music ✗

Zosia *wasn't listening* to music.



Mr. Nowak / talk on the phone

Mr. Nowak *was talking* on the phone.

2 Look, cover, ask. Cover your sentences. Ask and answer about the pictures.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

QUESTION	ANSWER
1 What was Kuba doing at 8 p.m.?	He **was taking** a shower.
2 Were your parents cooking?	No, they **weren't**. They were watching TV.
3 Was Ola walking her dog?	Yes, she **was**.
4 Was your grandpa sleeping?	No, he **wasn't**. He was reading.

ANSWER KEY

Sorry, I was busy!

read, act it out, make excuses



1 Igor called Julka last night. Complete the dialogue with the verbs in brackets.

Long action: was / were + -ing. Short action: Past Simple.

Igor	Hey, I called you last night. What were you doing?
Julka	Sorry! I *was taking* (take) a shower when you *called* (call).
Igor	No problem. Did you see my message?
Julka	Yes, but I *was helping* (help) my mom in the kitchen, so I *didn't answer* (not answer).
Igor	And at nine? I *texted* (text) you again.
Julka	At nine I *was walking* (walk) my dog. Then my phone *died* (die)! 😅
Igor	Ha ha! OK, good excuse. And guess what I *was doing* (do) at nine?
Julka	What?
Igor	I *was waiting* (wait) for you to call me back!

2 Your friend called. Make an excuse. Cover the right side and make them from memory.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

WHAT WERE YOU DOING?	YOUR EXCUSE
1 🐶 walk my dog	Sorry! I **was walking** my dog when you called.
2 🍝 have dinner	Sorry! I *was having dinner* when you called.
3 ⚽ play soccer	Sorry! I *was playing soccer* when you called.
4 🎸 practice the guitar	Sorry! I *was practicing the guitar* when you called.
5 🧹 clean my room	Sorry! I *was cleaning my room* when you called.
6 😴 sleep	Sorry! I *was sleeping* when you called.

ANSWER KEY

Same words, different story

what happened first?



REMEMBER

⏳ **was / were + -ing** = it was already in progress. ⚡ **Past Simple** = it happened at that moment, or after.

while + the long action: **While I was walking home**, it started to rain. **when** + the short action: I was reading **when the phone rang**.

1 Read the sentences. Match them with the right meaning.

✋ COVER THE MEANINGS

Then cover the right side. Read a sentence and explain it in your own words.

SENTENCE		MEANING	
1	When Mom came home, I **was cleaning** my room.	C	A I didn't see the end of the movie.
2	When Mom came home, I **cleaned** my room.	F	B Ola didn't finish the test in time.
3	When the teacher came in, we **were talking**.	G	C I started cleaning before Mom came home.
4	When the teacher came in, we **stopped** talking.	E	D I saw the whole movie.
5	When the bell rang, Ola **was writing** the last answer.	B	E We were quiet after the teacher came in.
6	When the bell rang, Ola **gave** her test to the teacher.	H	F Mom came home, and then I started cleaning.
7	**While** I **was watching** the movie, I fell asleep.	A	G We were in the middle of a conversation.
8	I **watched** the movie, and then I fell asleep.	D	H Ola finished, and then she turned in her test.

2 Your turn. Write two sentences about yesterday: one with when, one with while.

I was ...ing **when** ... . **While I was** ...ing, ...

ANSWER KEY

Long and short

two actions, one sentence



1 **Join the two actions. Complete the sentences. ⏳ = long action, ⚡ = short action.**

✋ THEN COVER THE RIGHT SIDE

	TWO ACTIONS	ONE SENTENCE
1	⏳ I / do my homework ⚡ my friend / call	I *was doing* my homework when my friend *called*.
2	⏳ we / play basketball ⚡ Maks / hurt his knee	While we *were playing* basketball, Maks *hurt* his knee.
3	⏳ Ola / cross the street ⚡ she / notice a wallet	Ola *noticed* a wallet while she *was crossing* the street.
4	⏳ Grandma / water the plants ⚡ she / find a frog	Grandma *was watering* the plants when she *found* a frog.
5	⏳ I / sleep ⚡ my cat / jump on my face	I *was sleeping* when my cat *jumped* on my face! 🐱
6	⏳ Mom / make pancakes ⚡ the smoke alarm / go off	While Mom *was making* pancakes, the smoke alarm *went* off.

2 **Past Simple or Past Continuous? Complete with the verbs in brackets.**

1 I *saw* (see) a huge spider while I *was cleaning* (clean) my room.

2 What *were you doing* (you / do) at 8 o'clock last night?

3 She *wasn't listening* (not listen) when the teacher *explained* (explain) the homework.

4 Suddenly, the lights *went* (go) out, and everybody *screamed* (scream).

5 The two cars *crashed* (crash) because the drivers *were looking* (look) at their phones.

ANSWER KEY

Find someone who was...

ask, answer, ask one more



1 **Write the questions. Then walk around and ask. Write a name and ask one more question!**

Were you sleeping at 7 a.m. today? Yes, I was. → write the name. What time did you get up? At 7:20. I was late!

Find someone who...	Question	Name	One more thing
😴 was sleeping at 7 a.m. today	Were you sleeping at 7 a.m. today?		
🍳 was having breakfast at 7:15 a.m.	*Were you having breakfast at 7:15 a.m.?*		
🎧 was listening to music on the way home yesterday	*Were you listening to music on the way home?*		
📱 was using a phone at midnight	*Were you using your phone at midnight?*		
⚽ was doing sports at 5 p.m. yesterday	*Were you doing sports at 5 p.m.?*		
📺 was watching a series at 9 p.m. last night	*Were you watching a series at 9 p.m.?*		
🚌 was sitting on a bus at 7:30 this morning	*Were you sitting on a bus at 7:30 a.m.?*		
📝 was doing homework at 10 p.m. last night	*Were you doing homework at 10 p.m.?*		

2 **Tell the class about two people.**

At 7 a.m. Kuba was sleeping. **He got up at** 7:20! **At midnight Ola was** ... .

ANSWER KEY

Ask and answer

match, cover, remember



1 Match the questions and the answers.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

Then cover the answers. Read a question and give your own answer. Swap!

QUESTIONS			ANSWERS	
1	What were you doing at 8 o'clock last night?	D	A	To the dentist. 😬
2	What were you doing when the lesson started?	H	B	I screamed and ran away!
3	Where were you going when I saw you yesterday?	A	C	My cousin. She was visiting us.
4	What happened while you were walking to school?	G	D	I was doing my homework.
5	Who were you talking to after school?	C	E	Kuba was making funny faces.
6	Why were you laughing in class?	E	F	Yes, I was! I missed the last goal.
7	Were you watching the game when the lights went out?	F	G	I found a lost puppy!
8	What did you do when you saw the spider?	B	H	I was looking for my pen.
9	How did you hurt your hand?	J	I	It was snowing and really cold.
10	What was the weather like when you left home?	I	J	I cut it while I was making a sandwich.

2 Write three questions for your partner. Ask and answer!

What were you doing when ...? **What happened while** ...? **Where were you going** ...?

ANSWER KEY

A night to remember

read the story, then tell it from memory



1 Read the story. Put the verbs in the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

THE THING IN THE DARK

Last August my family *was camping* (camp) near a lake. On the last night, we *were sitting* (sit) around the fire, and Dad *was telling* (tell) a scary story. Suddenly, we *heard* (hear) a loud noise in the trees. My little sister *screamed* (scream) and *ran* (run) into the tent. While Mom *was looking* (look) for the flashlight, something big *walked* (walk) out of the forest. It was a cow! 🐄 It *was eating* (eat) our bread when Dad finally *noticed* (notice) it. We all *laughed* (laugh) for an hour.

2 Cover the story. Answer the questions from memory.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

QUESTION	ANSWER
1 Where was the family camping?	They **were camping** near a lake.
2 What was Dad doing?	He **was telling** a scary story.
3 What did they hear?	They **heard** a loud noise in the trees.
4 What did the little sister do?	She **screamed** and **ran** into the tent.
5 What was the cow doing?	It **was eating** their bread.

3 Now tell the story to your partner. Start like this:

Last August, a family was camping near a lake. One night, while they were sitting around the fire, ...