past simple & past continuous

1. Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

a. Were you watching (watch) the football match on TV when I phoned (phone)?

b. The teachers _______________ (speak) when you _______________ (arrive) to school.

c. We _______________ (not like) the movie. It was boring.

d. I _______________ (not listen) to music last night. I _______________ (study) Chemistry.

e. She _______________ (have) a shower when you _______________ (knock) at the door.

f. They _______________ (not go) to the theatre last month. The tickets were all sold.

g. While Chris and Jane _______________ (travel) on Saturday, we _______________ (prepare) the party for their arrival.

h. The children _______________ (sing) some songs last week, at the Christmas Festival.

i. Yesterday, I _______________ (hear) a strange noise while I _______________ (put on) my pyjamas.

j. We _______________ (write) notes in class, when the Headmaster _______________ (come) in.

k. What __________ you __________ (do) last Tuesday at 11 p.m.?

2. Underline the correct answer.

a. While my mother [cooked / was cooking], she [watched / was watching] TV.

b. We [slept / were sleeping] in our bedrooms at 6 o’clock.

c. The boys [played / were playing] baseball when it [started / was starting] to rain.

b. My cousin [had / was having] dinner when the telephone [rang / was ringing].

e. When I [got / was getting] up, my father [read / was reading] the newspaper.

f. Emilio [fell / was falling] when he [painted / was painting] the wall.

g. The doctor [examined / was examining] my eyesight yesterday.

3. Complete the following text with the Past Simple of the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

I was (be) with some friends and we _______________ (run) in a race. It was a marathon. There _______________ (be) hundreds of runners around us, men and women, and it _______________ (be) extremely hot. As we _______________ (cross) a bridge over a river, I suddenly _______________ (notice) that everyone in the race _______________ (have) the same face, even my friends! They were all the same person! I _______________ (want) to stop, but there _______________ (be) so many people behind me that I _______________ (have to) keep running. Then I __________ ___________ (wake up) screaming.