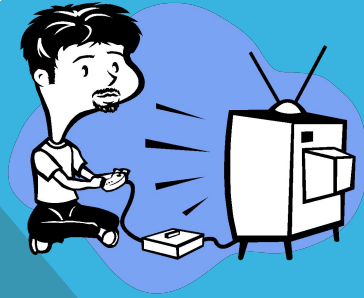
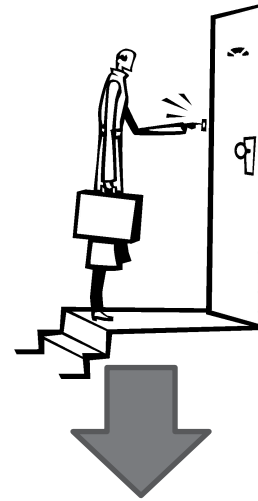
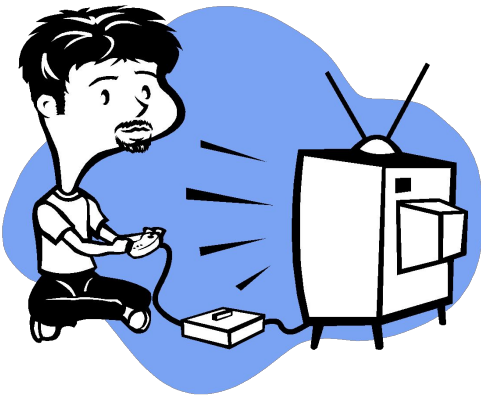


# PAST CONTINUOUS



# 1: ONE ACTIVITY IS INTERRUPTED BY SOMETHING ELSE



I was playing computer games

when someone knocked at the door.



**I was  
cleaning**

**when I broke my vase.**

I was having \_\_\_\_\_ a shower when the telephone rang.



A ball landed on Jane when she was sunbathing \_\_\_\_\_



**SUBJECT + WAS/WERE + -ING**

**I was cooking** when the telephone rang.

There was a power cut when **Joana and Ted were watching** TV.

**Teresa was eating** dessert when her husband came home.



## 2. TWO ACTIONS HAPPENING INDEPENDENTLY ON EACH OTHER

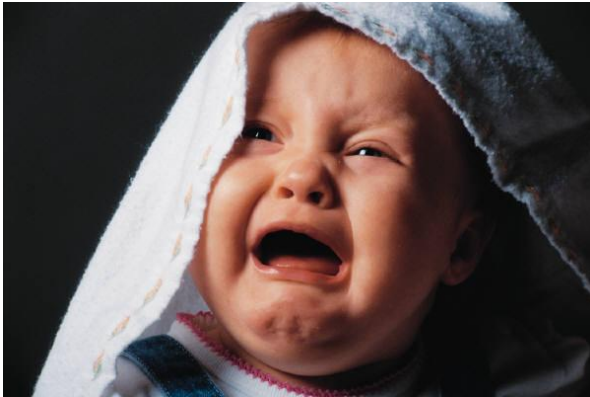


**I was playing computer games...**



**... and my wife was cooking.**





**The baby was crying...**



**... and his sister was playing hide and seek.**



I was having lunch **and the girls at the next table** were gossiping



**The sun** was shining **and the birds** were singing





# 3. ACTIONS HAPPENING AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN THE PAST

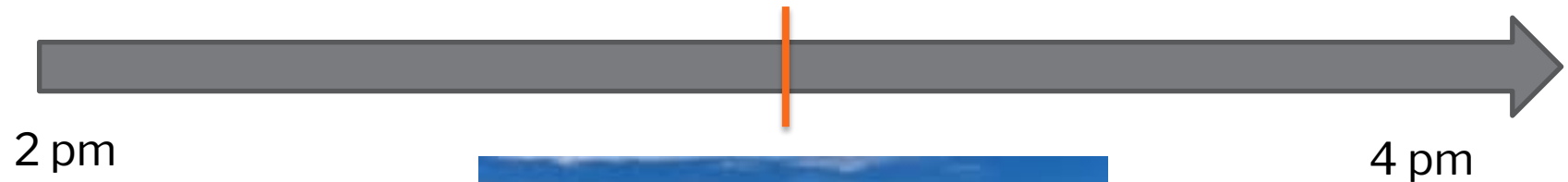
**At midnight the baby was still sleeping.**



The baby fell asleep



**At three o'clock I was lying on the beach.**



2 pm

4 pm

I came on the beach



5.39 – car crash



**At 5.39 yesterday I was sitting by the window.**

**At 5.39 yesterday my wife was doing the hoovering.**

**At 5.39 yesterday my children were doing their homework.**

