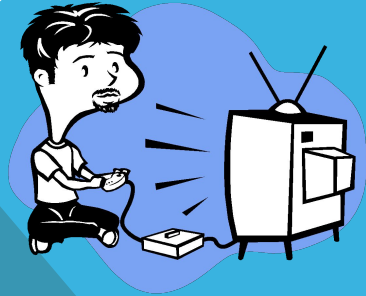
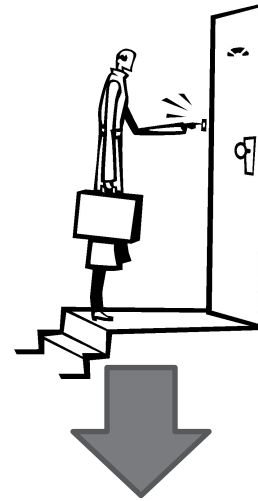
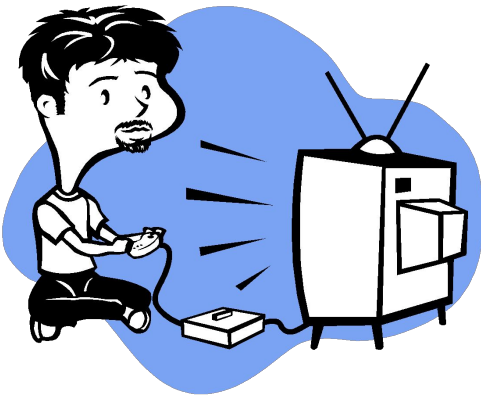


PAST CONTINUOUS



1: ONE ACTIVITY IS INTERRUPTED BY SOMETHING ELSE



I was playing computer games

when someone knocked at the door.



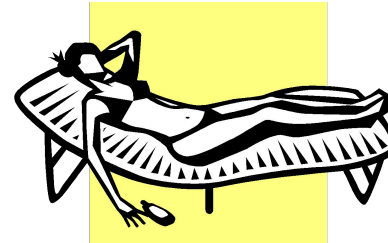
**I was
cleaning**

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

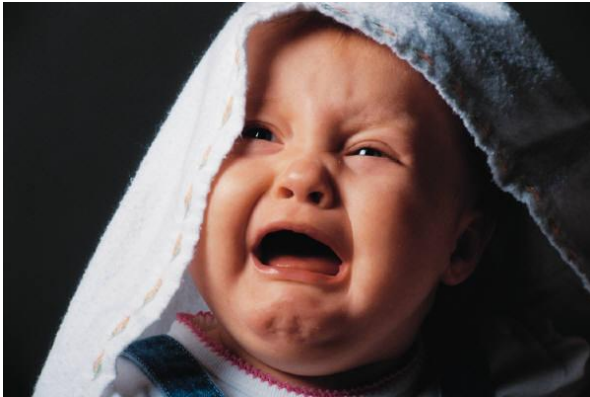


I was playing computer games...



... 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

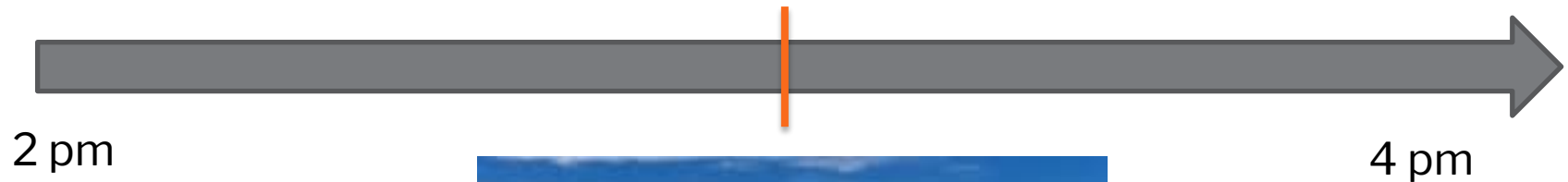
At midnight the baby was still sleeping.



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.

