

# The Robbery



## ***WORKBOOK***

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### Grammar: The Past Continuous Tense

*What does it look like?*

**was / were + .....ing**

*Look at the examples:*



e.g. It's ten o'clock in the evening.  
Paul is sleeping in bed.



Two hours ago, at eight o'clock Paul  
**was playing** badminton with his friend.

They **were playing** in the sports hall.

### Exercise 1 What were they doing?

*The pictures show what people were doing yesterday afternoon:*



*Jim*



*Sandra*



*Wendy*



*Joe*



*Maria*



*John*



*The boys*



*Trevor*

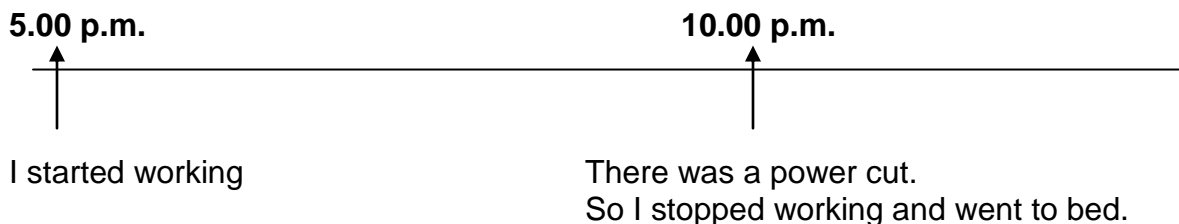


*Sally*

1. What was Jim doing? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was Sandra doing? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was Wendy doing? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was Joe doing? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was Maria doing? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What was John doing? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What were the boys doing? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What was Trevor doing? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What was Sally doing? \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2

***Something was happening when something else happened***



*While I **was working**, there **was** a power cut.*

*Look at the example:*

- e.g. Kamala \_\_\_\_ (**have**) a shower when two thieves \_\_\_\_ (**break**) into the house.  
Kamala **was having** a shower when two thieves **broke** into the house.

*Now you do it:*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along the street when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain so I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) out my umbrella.
2. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ (play) soccer when the accident \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (call) an ambulance.

3. While they \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the ambulance to arrive, a police car \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) by.
4. A tyre \_\_\_\_\_ (burst) while the airplane \_\_\_\_\_ (take) off. Then the pilot \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to the airport.
5. There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a loud noise outside while the baby \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep), which \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) the baby.

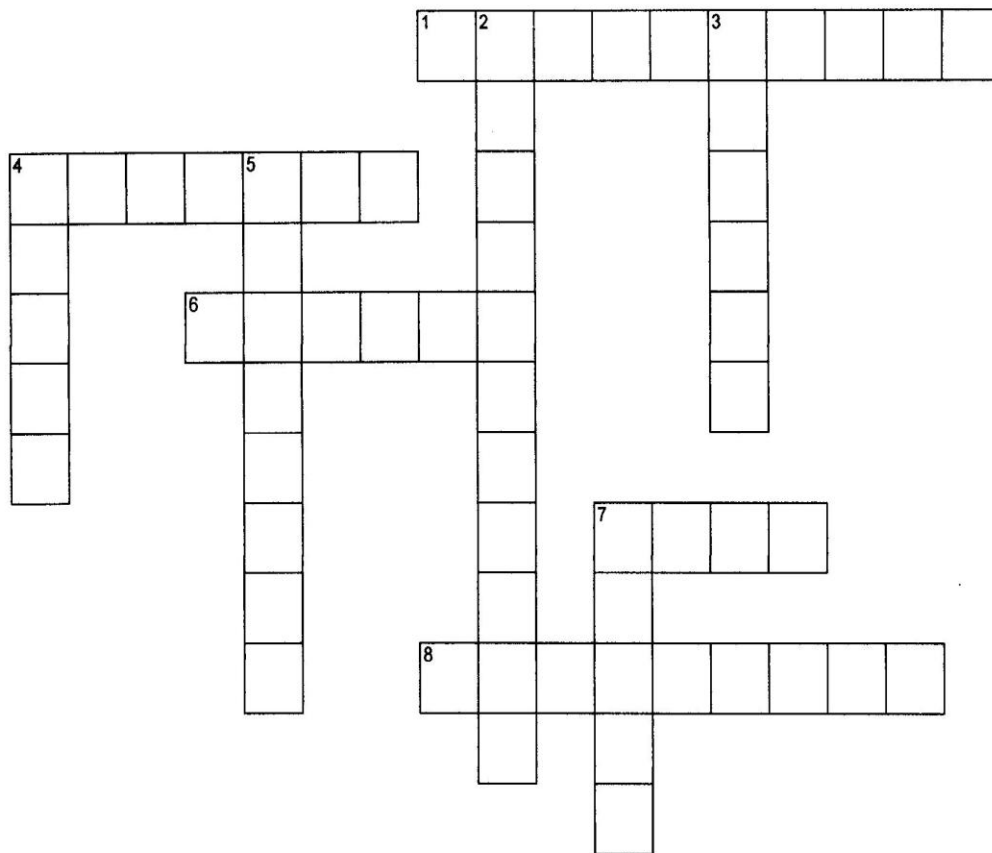
## Vocabulary

**Exercise 1** Match the words in **List A** with their meanings in **List B**:

- | <b>List A</b>           | <b>List B</b>                               |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Bathroom             | a. makes you feel better                    |
| 2. Tired                | b. someone who takes other people's things  |
| 3. Refreshing           | c. where you have a shower                  |
| 4. Looking forward (to) | d. costs a lot of money                     |
| 5. Thief, thieves       | e. worth a lot of money                     |
| 6. Fluffy               | f. after you work hard you feel .....       |
| 7. Expensive            | g. shouted, made a loud noise               |
| 8. Valuable             | h. without anything                         |
| 9. Screamed             | i. soft and hairy, like a teddy bear        |
| 10. Empty-handed        | j. think about something nice in the future |

**Exercise 2**

**Crossword**



**ACROSS**

1. Makes you feel better
4. People who steal other people's things
6. Soft and nice to touch, like a teddy bear
7. Let something fall down from your hand
8. e.g. rings, necklace, bracelet

**DOWN**

2. Without anything
3. Make a loud noise e.g. when you're afraid
4. You use this to dry yourself
5. Worth a lot of money
7. Most people do this when they're asleep

## Comprehension

### Exercise 1 True or False?

Write **YES** or **NO**

1. Kamala was having a shower in the morning.
2. The two thieves knew that Kamala was in the bathroom.
3. There were no lights on in the house.
4. Sid and Fred put a lot of money inside their bag.
5. Kamala heard a noise while she was having a shower.
6. Sid and Fred screamed loudly when they saw Kamala.
7. Kamala didn't lose any of her jewellery.
8. Kamala was alone in the house when the thieves left.

### Exercise 2

1. Where was Kamala when the thieves broke into the house?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When she was having a shower, what was Kamala looking forward to?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did the two thieves think that Kamala was already asleep?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Were the two thieves in the house a long time?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What kind of things did they put into their bag?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What happened when Kamala saw the thieves?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What happened when the thieves saw Kamala?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Did they take a lot of things with them?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Was there anyone else inside the house at that time?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Why didn't he hear anything?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Writing

### Exercise 1 Gap-fill

Complete the gaps with the correct part of the verb (in brackets):

One evening Kamala 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) a shower in the bathroom. It had been a long day and she was tired. She 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (**feel**) good as she poured the cool, refreshing water over her head. She 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**look**) forward to a good night's sleep after such a hard day's work. While she 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) the shower, she couldn't hear anything. She 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**not hear**) two thieves 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (**break**) into her house through a window downstairs. The two thieves, Sid and Fred, thought that Kamala 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) asleep already because they couldn't 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) any lights in the house.

### Exercise 2 Police interview

*When the thieves left the house, Kamala woke her husband and they called the police. The police asked them some questions. Can you write those questions? Look at the answers first.*

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** There were two of them.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** No, they were wearing masks.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** No, I didn't. I was having a shower upstairs.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** No, they didn't. They dropped everything.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:** He was asleep in bed!