Present Continuous vs. Past Continuous

Fill in the blanks with a present or past continuous tense.

1. I ……………………….. a movie when the lights went out.
   - am watching
   - was watching

2. I ……………………….. dinner when the guests arrived.
   - am preparing
   - was preparing

3. I ……………………….. now.
   - am writing
   - was writing
Present Continuous vs. Past Continuous

4. ‘Where are the kids?’ ‘They ……………………….. in the garden.’
   - are playing
   - were playing

5. We ………………………. for them to come.
   - are still waiting
   - were still waiting

6. The guests …………………………. in the lobby.
   - are waiting
   - were waiting

7. It ………………………….. We cannot go out now.
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is raining
was raining

8. The students ......................... for their exam.

are preparing
were preparing

9. The mother .............................. for the child to return.

is waiting
was waiting

10. I ............................... for the bus when the accident took place.
Present Continuous vs. Past Continuous

am waiting

was waiting

11. I ........................................ in Mumbai at that time.

am living

was living

12. I ........................................ when the phone rang.

am sleeping

was sleeping

Answers

I was watching a movie when the lights went out.
I was preparing dinner when the guests arrived.
I am writing now.
‘Where are the kids?’ ‘They are playing in the garden.’
We are still waiting for them to come.
The guests are waiting in the lobby.
It is raining. We cannot go out now.
The students are preparing for their exam.
The mother is waiting for the child to return.
I was waiting for the bus when the accident took place.
I was living in Mumbai when I first met him.
I was sleeping when the phone rang.