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.
Present Continuous vs. Past Continuous

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

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

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

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

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

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.