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

- **Present Continuous**: am living
- **Past Continuous**: was living

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

- **Present Continuous**: am sleeping
- **Past Continuous**: 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.
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‘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.