



**I was playing badminton
at this time yesterday.**

**She was cycling
at 9:00am yesterday.**



**They were playing
table tennis at 6:30 last night.**

was / were

verb+ing



Simon

3:00 yesterday

Simon was playing football at 3 pm yesterday.

The children

8 am yesterday

The children were going to school
at 8 am yesterday.



Exercise.

Derek



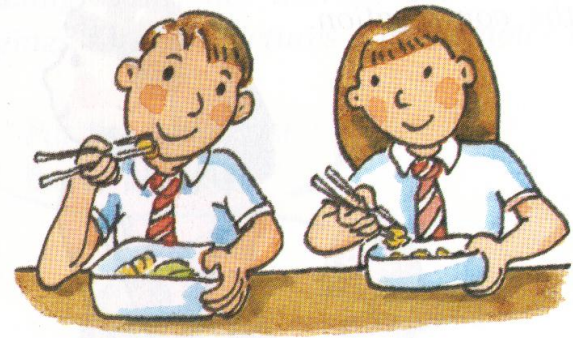
Derek was swimming at 6 am yesterday.

Mandy



Mandy was feeding her dog at 4 o'clock yesterday.

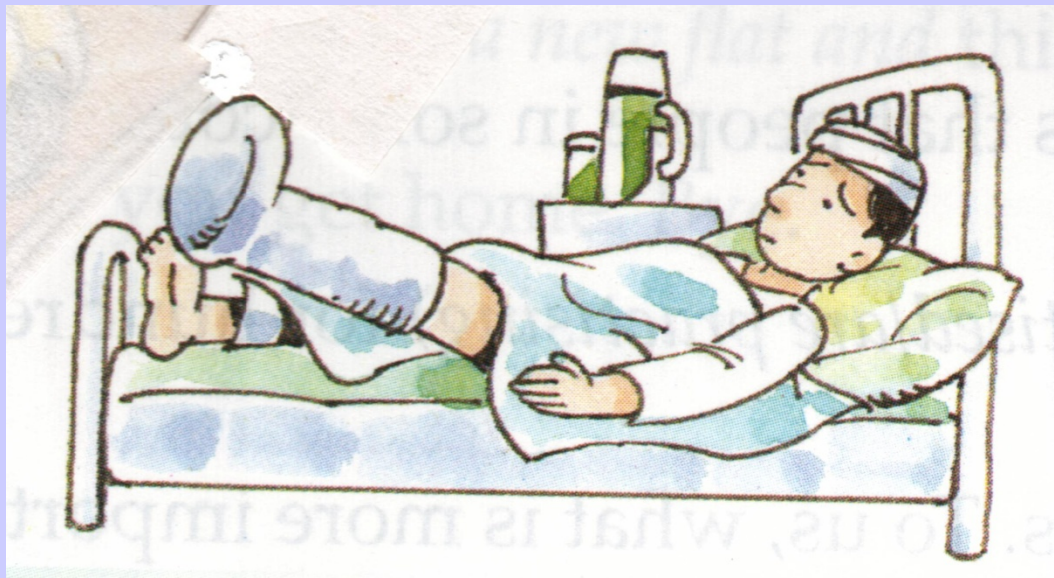
Sam & Jess



Sam and Jess were having dinner at 8 pm last night.

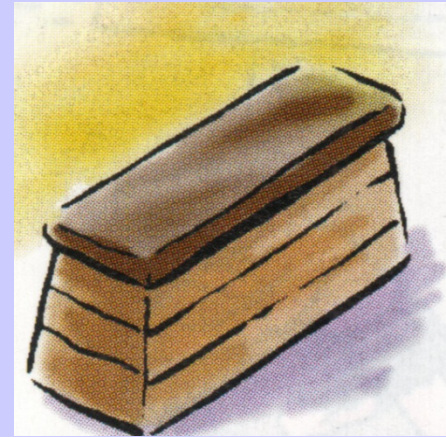
**We often use
the past continuous and past simple tenses
in the same sentence.**

**We do this when we want to talk about
a shorter activity that happened
during a longer activity in the past.**



Sam hurt himself yesterday.
But when exactly?

when jumping over
the vaulting horse



Sam hurt himself **when** he was jumping over the vaulting horse.

shorter action

longer action

cut herself

peel an apple

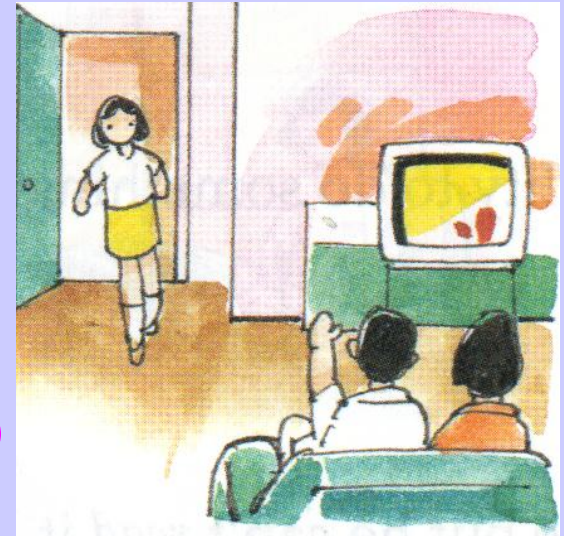


Nancy cut herself when she was peeling an apple.

They were watching TV when I arrived.

watch TV

arrive



play football

rain



We were playing football when it suddenly rained.

HAPPY MANSION



Flat 4A



Flat 4B



Flat 3A



Flat 3B



Flat 2A



Flat 2B



Flat 1A



Flat 1B

**A fire broke out
at 8 o'clock last night!
What were the people
doing when the fire
broke out?**

Click on the flat
to describe
what
the people were
doing!

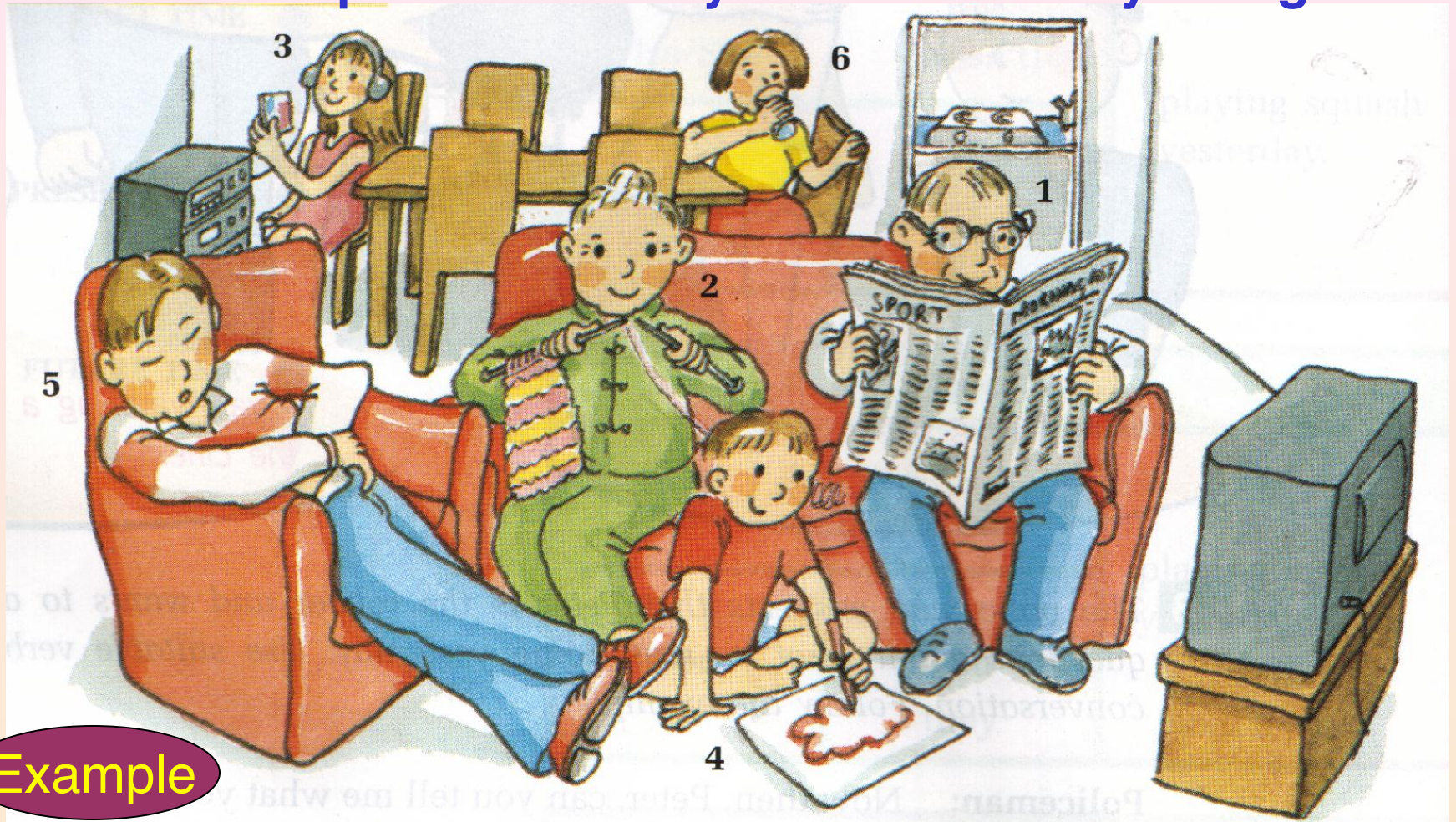
Sometimes we use the past continuous tense to talk about two or more actions which were taking place at the same time in the past.

Example

I was playing TV games while mother was cooking.

We were studying while the baby was crying.

It's 3:00pm last Sunday. What were they doing?



Example

Grandfather was reading the newspaper **while** grandmother was knitting.

Cindy was listening to the Hi-Fi **while** Nicky was drawing a picture.

Father was sleeping **while** mother was drinking some water.

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What were they doing one hour later?

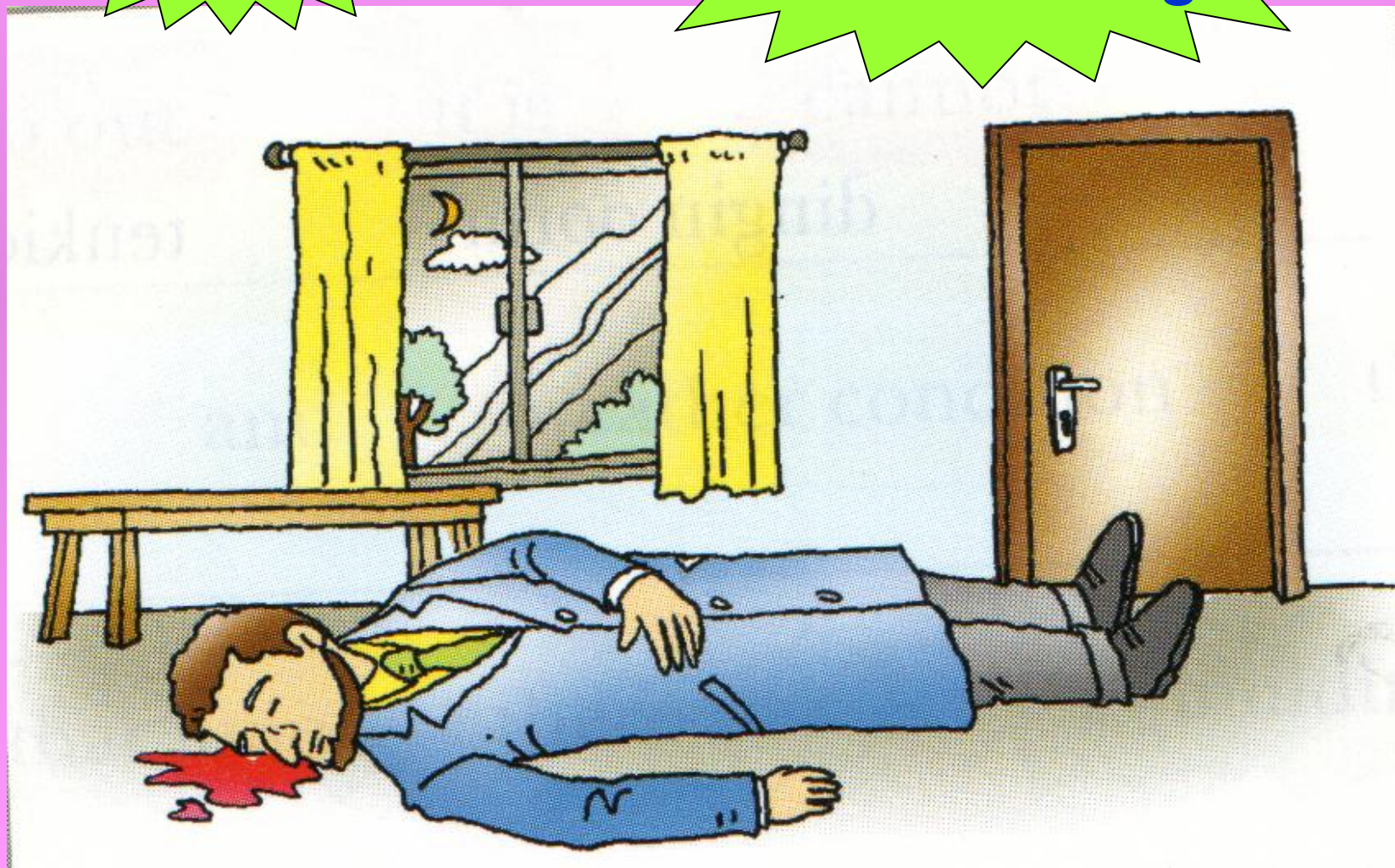


Exercise

Grandfather was watching TV while grandmother was knitting.
Cindy was her homework while Nicky was listening to the
doing Hi-fi.
Father was drinking beer while mother was boiling some water.

**Today is
Tuesday.**

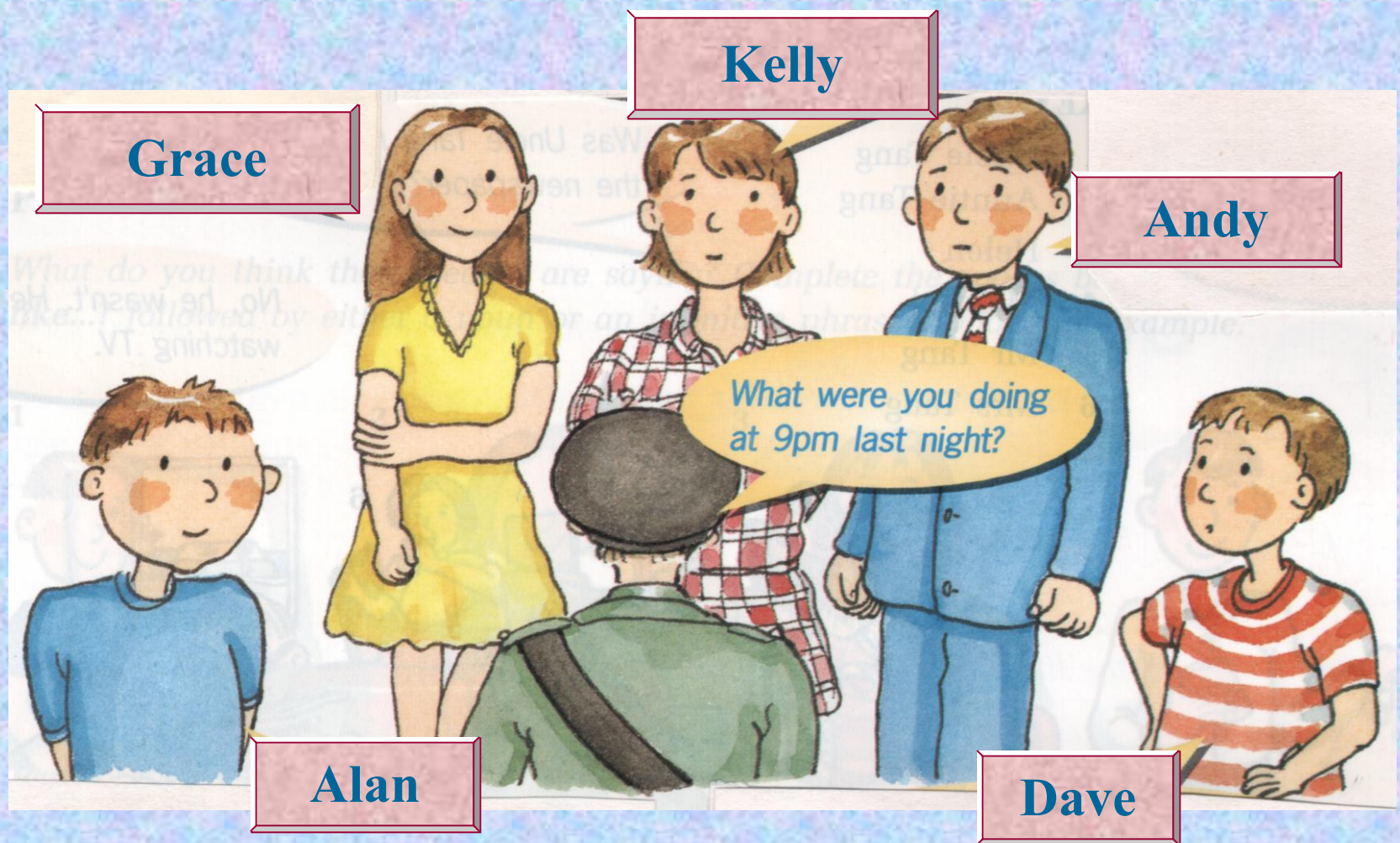
**Mr. Chan was
murdered at around
9 o'clock last night.**



**Mr Chan lives with five
flatmates. One of them must
have killed Mr Chan.
But who is it?**



Now click on the name of each person to find out who





What were you doing at 9 o'clock last night?

watch movie, cinema,
with friend Maggie



I was watching a movie at the cinema
with my friend Maggie at 9 o'clock
last night. I didn't kill Mr Chan!

Yes

Is she the
murderer?

No



What were you doing at 9 o'clock last night?

visiting my friend,
Kevin, hospital,

I was visiting my friend Kevin at the hospital
at 9 o'clock last night. I didn't kill Mr Chan!



Yes

Is she the
murderer?

No



What were you doing at 9 o'clock last night?

taking my dog,
for a walk

I was taking my dog for a walk at 9 o'clock
last night. I didn't kill Mr Chan!



Yes

Is he the
murderer?

No



What were you doing at 9 o'clock last night?

play TV games,
my bedroom

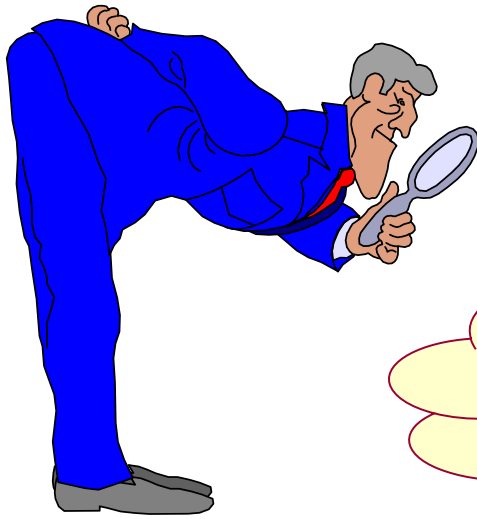
I was playing TV games in my bedroom
at 9 o'clock last night. I didn't kill Mr Chan!



Yes

Is he the
murderer?

No



What were you doing at 9 o'clock last night?

reading novels, public library, with friend Paul

I was reading novels in the public library with my friend Paul at 9 o'clock last night. I didn't kill Mr Chan!

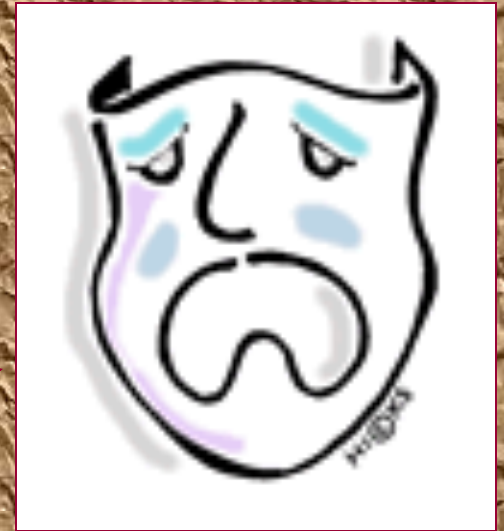


Yes

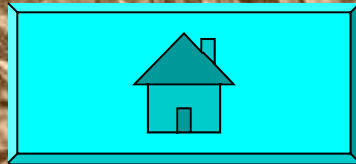
Is he the murderer?

No

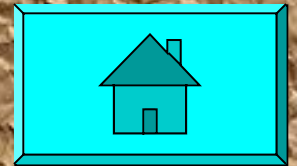
**No, I'm not
the murderer!!!**



**Of course I'm not
the murderer!
Try somebody else!**



**You've got it!
How did you know
I'm the murderer?**



**Mr Chan was killed on Monday.
The public library isn't open on
Monday.**

You are lying!

**Come on, baby! I'm
really the MURDERER!!
You know why?**

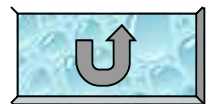


**The public library isn't
open on Monday.
I'm just lying! HA HA HA!!**



What was the woman
in flat 4A doing when
the fire broke out?

She was knitting
when the fire broke out.





What were the couple
in flat 4B doing when
the fire broke out?

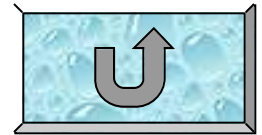
The couple were singing
karaoke songs when
the fire broke out.





What were the couple
in flat 3A doing when
the fire broke out?

The couple were having
dinner when the fire
broke out.





What was the woman
in flat 3B doing when
the fire broke out?

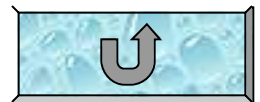
The woman was talking
on the phone when
the fire broke out.





What was the man
in flat 2A doing when
the fire broke out?

The man in Flat 2A
was _____ a suitcase
when the fire broke out.





What was the boy
in flat 2B doing when
the fire broke out?

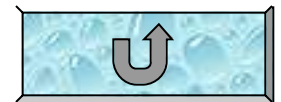
The boy in Flat 2B
was _____ TV games
when the fire broke out.





What was the woman in flat 1A doing when the fire broke out?

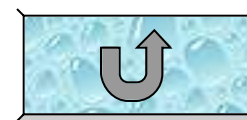
The woman in Flat 1A was tidying up her flat when the fire broke out.





What were the women
in flat 1B doing when
the fire broke out?

The women in Flat 1B
were mahjong
when the fire broke out.



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the Past Continuous Tense?

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