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## Interrupted Past

**Directions:** Read the passage below. Pay attention to how the past continuous shows what was happening when another action suddenly interrupted. Then answer the questions in complete sentences using the **past continuous tense**.

Yesterday evening, Maria was cooking dinner in the kitchen when the phone rang. She was chopping vegetables, and the soup was boiling on the stove. At the same time, her brother was playing a video game in the living room. Suddenly, the lights went out. Maria was looking for a flashlight, and her brother was calling for help when the power came back on.

### Questions:

1. What was Maria doing when the phone rang?

2. What was boiling on the stove?

3. What was her brother doing before the lights went out?

4. What was Maria doing when the lights went out?

5. What was her brother doing when the power came back on?