

Memory Journal Answer Key

Example Responses

1. At 7 p.m. last night, I **was eating dinner with my family.**
2. While the teacher was talking, I **was taking notes.**
3. Yesterday afternoon, my family **was cleaning the house.**
4. When the phone rang, I **was watching TV.**
5. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the students **were writing an essay.**
6. While my friend was reading, I **was drawing a picture.**
7. At lunchtime yesterday, we **were sitting in the cafeteria and laughing.**
8. When the lights went out, people **were looking for candles.**
9. While my brother was playing outside, I **was finishing my homework.**
10. At midnight, the neighbors **were talking quietly on their porch.**

Teacher Notes / Guide

- This exercise allows students to **personalize the past continuous tense** by connecting it to real or imagined daily routines.
- Stress that every answer must have **was/were + verb-ing**; the action must be ongoing at the time mentioned.
- Accept a wide variety of responses - creativity is encouraged as long as the grammar is correct.
- Extension idea: After students complete the starters, pair them up and have them share answers orally, practicing **question/answer exchanges** (e.g., *What were you doing at 7 p.m. last night?*).