1. What were you doing? → ¿Qué estabas haciendo?
2. I was talking when… → (yo) Estaba hablando cuando…
3. You were cooking while… → (Tú) estabas cocinando mientras…
4. He was selling information. → (Él) Estabs vendiendo información.
5. She was selling sea shells. → (Ella) Estaba vendiendo conchas/caracoles.
6. We were reading Spanish books. → Estábamos leyendo libros españoles.
7. Y’all were ordering (pedir) … → Estabais pidiendo cuando…
8. While they were sleeping, … → Mientras que estaban durmiendo.
9. Yo estaba muriendo de verguenza. → I was dying of shame.
10. Estabas jugando al béisbol. → You were playing baseball.
11. Estaba trayendo la torta. → He/She was bringing the cake.
12. Estábamos sirviendo las papas. → We were serving the potatoes.
13. ¿¡ Qué estabas haciendo ?! → What were you doing!!??!!
14. Estabais creyendo la mentira cuando… → You were believing the truth when…
15. Mientras que pensaban, … → While they were thinking, …
16. You (formal) were eating and drinking. → Ud estaba comeindo y bebiendo.
17. Y’all (formal) were lying (mentir). → Uds. estaban mintiendo.
18. They were writing. → Estaban escribiendo.