**Read the following groups of sentences and discuss the differences in their meaning with your partner.**

The students *left* the class when the teacher came in.

The students *had left* the class when the teacher came in.

The students *were leaving* the class when the teacher came in.

Susan *was cooking* dinner when her husband arrived home.

Susan *had cooked* dinner by the time her husband arrived home.

Susan *cooked* dinner by the time her husband arrived home.

When I got home the others *were eating* pizza.

When I got home the others *had eaten* the pizza.

The audience *left* when the play finished.

The audience *had left* before the play finished.

The film *had started* before we arrived.

The film *started* when we arrived

When we arrived at the station, the train *was leaving*.

When we arrived at the station, the train *had left*.

What *did you do* when the phone rang?

What *were you doing* when the phone rang?

She *was doing* the homework when she understood the problem.

She *did* the homework when she understood the problem.