Using
Was, Were



I was reading a book yesterday.

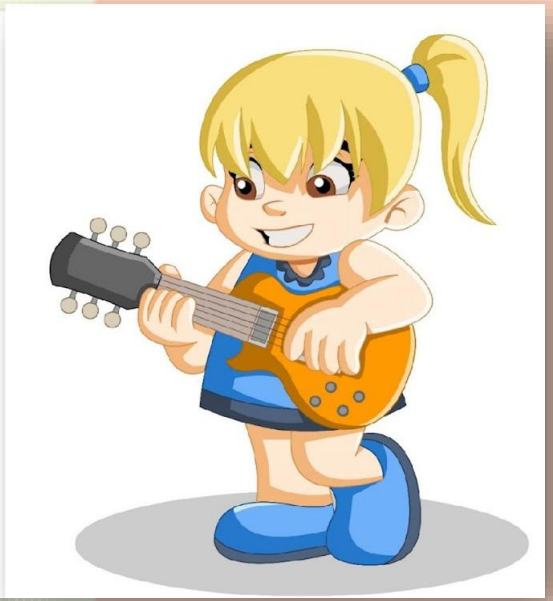


I was asleep when you brought me my milk.



We were happy to practise our hobbies.





We were drinking coffee.



Verbs

Did you read the words in the picture carefully?

The words ‘was’ and ‘were’ are verbs.



Remember!

✓ We use **was** and **were** to talk about a state of being in the past.

✓ We also use them to give information about someone or something.



‘Was’ and ‘Were’ as Main Verbs

Read these sentences.

- **The little puppy was sick.**
- **They were tired from the long journey.**
- **I was hungry after school.**



‘Was’ and ‘Were’ as Main Verbs

We use was with a singular noun or pronoun.

- **My mother was angry at me yesterday.**
- **She was absent last week.**
- **It was in pain.**
- **He was happy after winning the race.**



‘Was’ and ‘Were’ as Main Verbs

We use were with a plural noun or pronoun.

- **Sheena and I were upset upon hearing that the picnic got cancelled .**
- **They were away on a holiday.**

We also use were with you.

- **You were right about the rain.**

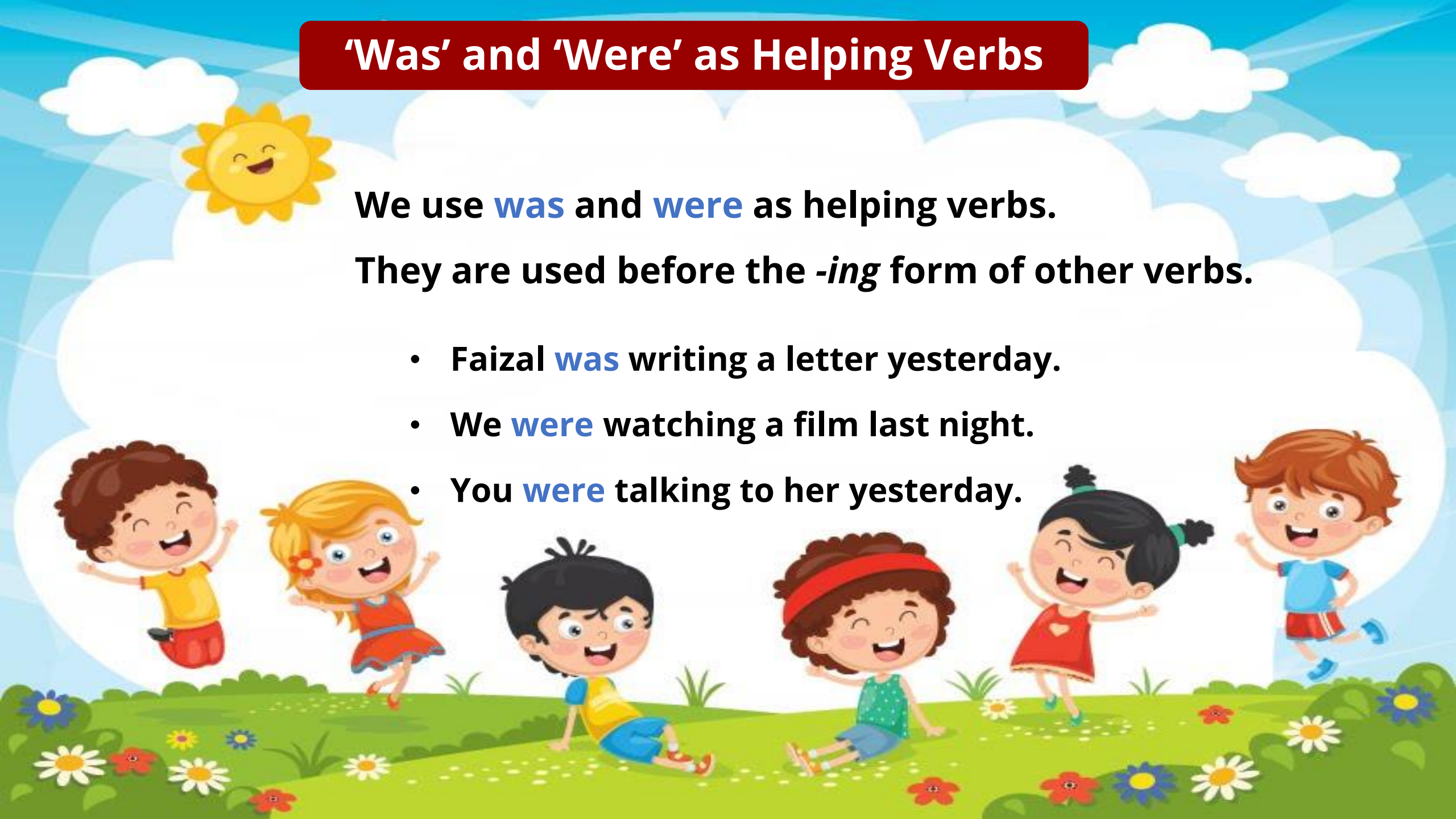


‘Was’ and ‘Were’ as Helping Verbs

We use was and were as helping verbs.

They are used before the *-ing* form of other verbs.

- **Faizal was writing a letter yesterday.**
- **We were watching a film last night.**
- **You were talking to her yesterday.**



Try and Learn

Fill in the blanks with was or were.

1. I _____ not well last evening.
2. You _____ happy to hear about the news, right?
3. Mother _____ making pasta yesterday.
4. The dog _____ wet. It _____ shivering badly.
5. We _____ going out when we met Mrs James.

