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## Past Simple vs. Past Progressive

Read the following dialogue and choose the verb tense that best fits with the context of the story.

**Wife:** Justin and Stephanie (invited/were inviting) us to their party which is next Tuesday.

**Husband:** Oh, that's great! Who (called/was calling) you? Justin or Stephanie?

**Wife:** Neither, dear. Stephanie (invited/was inviting) us online.

**Husband:** How did she do that?

**Wife:** Well, we (chatted/were chatting) online when she suddenly (remembered/was remembering) to invite us.

**Husband:** I know, but I (thought/was thinking) the computer was broken. I'm glad it finally (started/was starting) again.

**Wife:** Yes. I (thought/was thinking) about fixing it for a long time. Then I finally (decided/was deciding) to look at it.

**Husband:** Was it easy?

**Wife:** Well, it (didn't take/wasn't taking) very long. I just (had/was having) to disconnect everything.

**Husband:** That's too bad.

**Wife:** Why?

**Husband:** I (hoped/was hoping) we could buy a new computer.

**Wife:** We just (bought/were buying) a new computer!



For extra practice: Divide into pairs and read the dialogue aloud with correct intonation.