

-CHAPTER 6-

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

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Uses of the past continuous

- We use the past continuous to say that somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time.



- This time yesterday the hairdresser **was working**

Uses of the past continuous

- Past simple and past continuous are used together when something happened in the middle of something else



- The policeman **broke** his ankle while he **was running** after the dog

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

AFFIRMATIVE: Play

I	was	playing
You We They	were	
He She It	was	



She was climbing in the afternoon
last Saturday.

I was making a
cake at ten o'clock
last Friday.





They were having a birthday party last Sunday.

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

- Negative : play

I	Was not Wasn't	Playing
You We They	Were not Weren't	
He She It	Was not Wasn't	

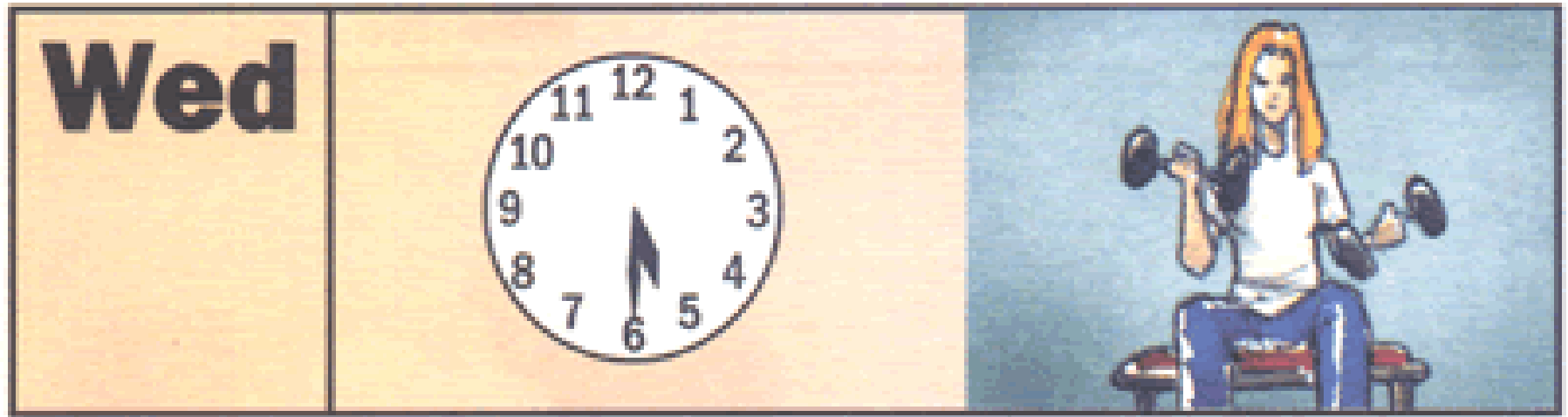
FOR EXAMPLES

- Thomas **wasn't working**, and I **wasn't working** either.
- You **were not listening** to me when I told you to turn the oven off

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

- Interrogative sentences

Was	I	Playing ?
Were	You We They	
Was	He She It	

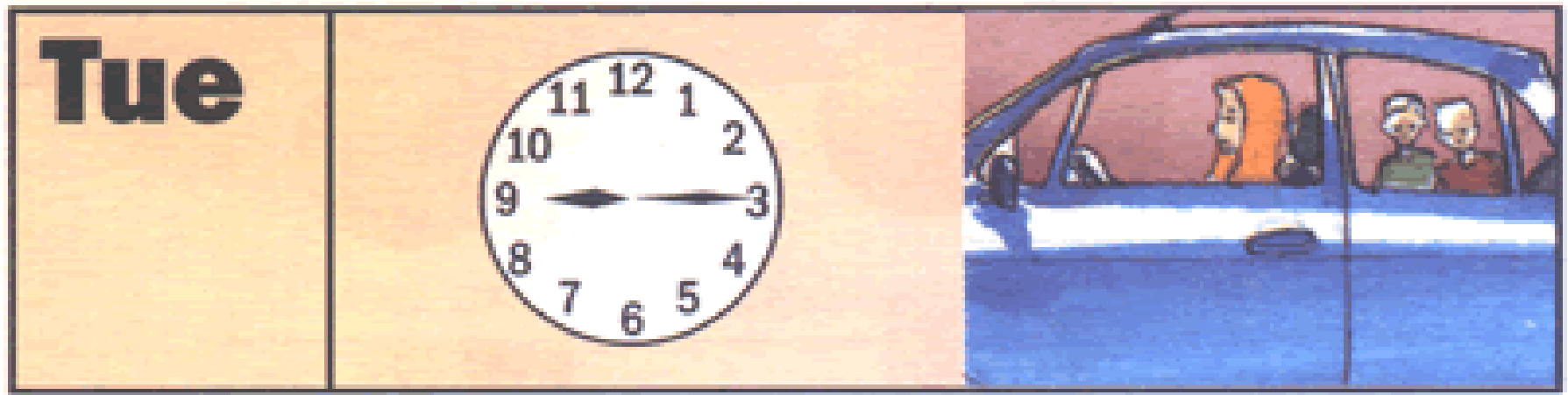


★ **Was Kate playing tennis at half past five on Wednesday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was training at half past five on Wednesday.

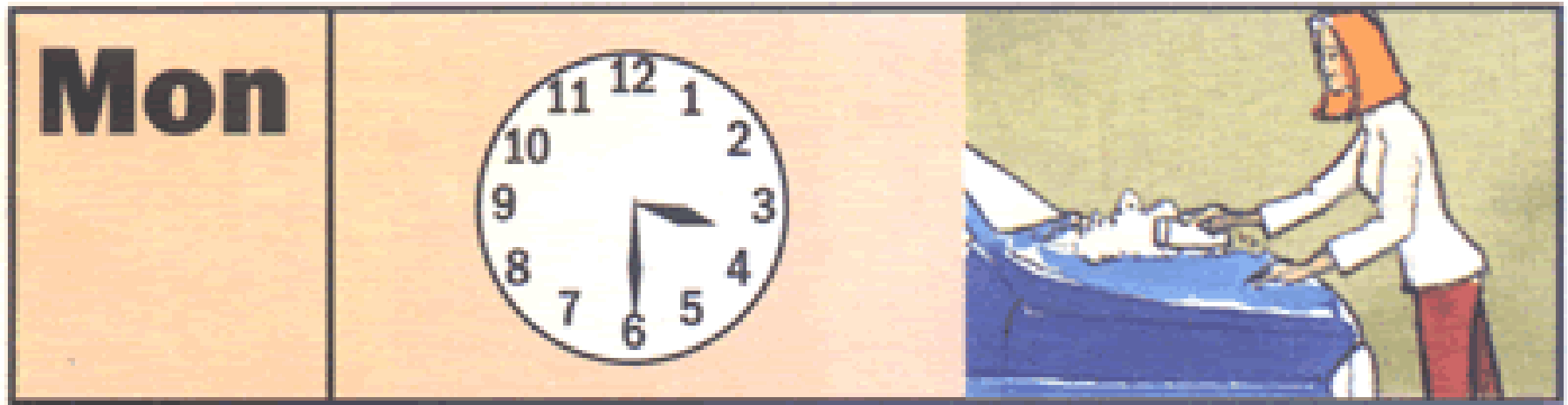


★ **Was Kate cleaning her house at quarter past nine on Tuesday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was taking the children to school at quarter past nine on Tuesday.

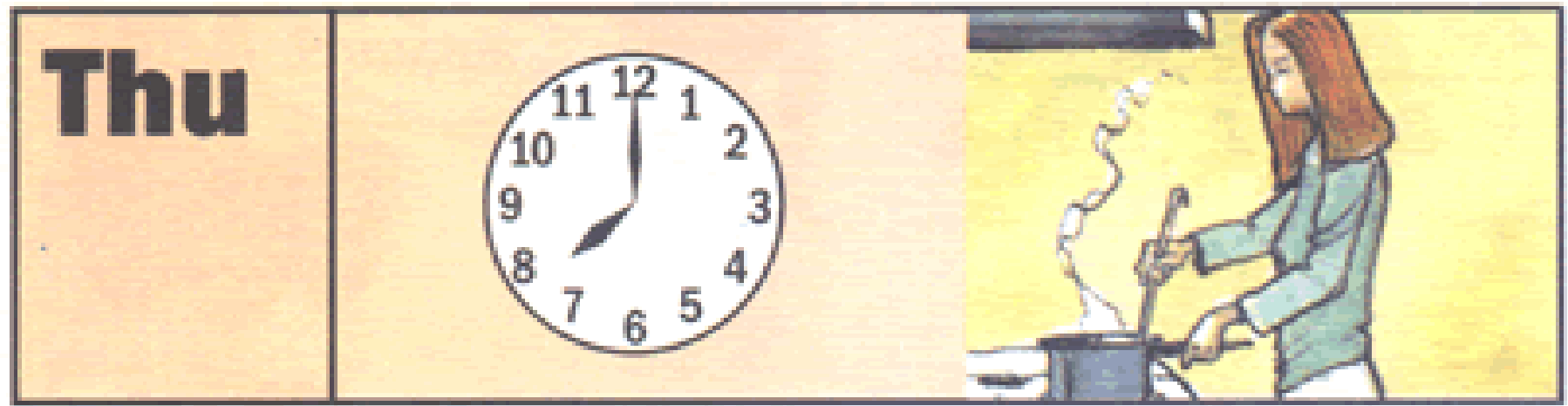


★ **Was Kate listening to music at half past three on Monday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was washing her car at half past three on Monday.

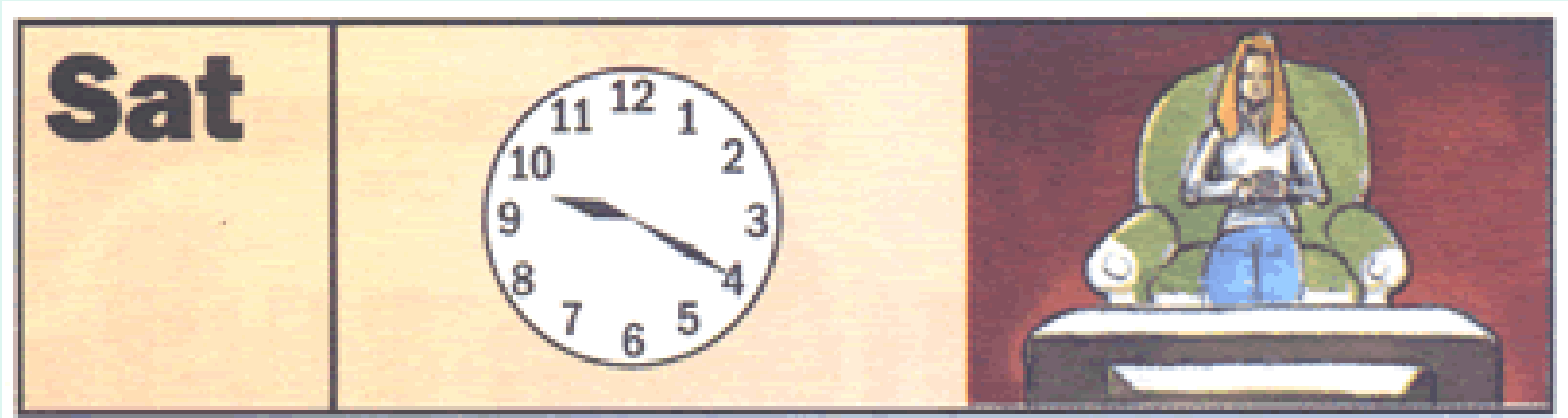


★ **Was Kate watching TV at eight o'clock on Thursday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was cooking at eight o'clock on Thursday.

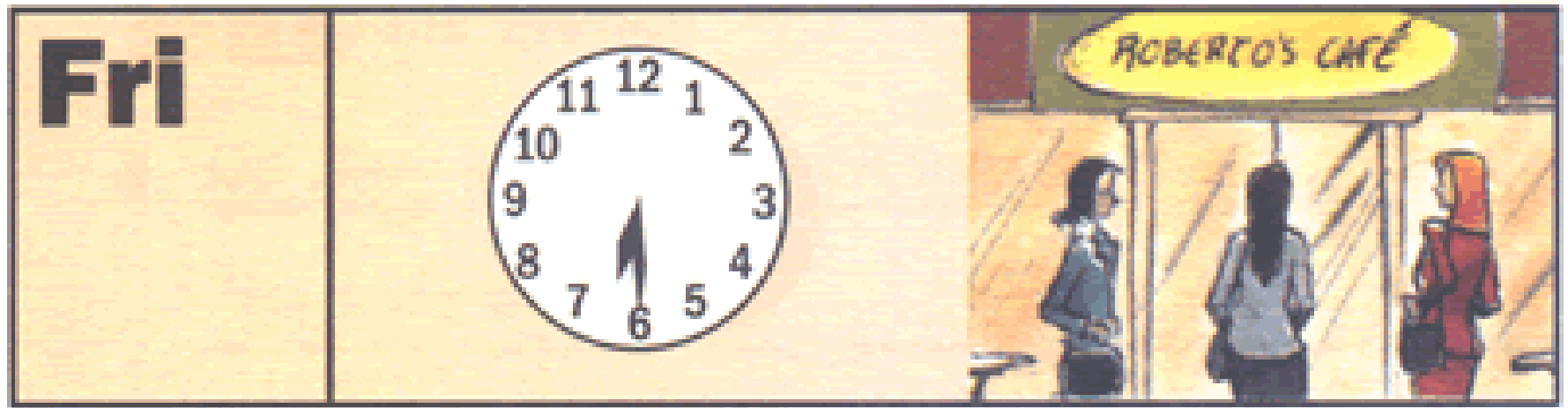


★ **Was Kate ironing clothes at twenty past nine on Saturday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was watching TV at twenty past nine on Saturday.

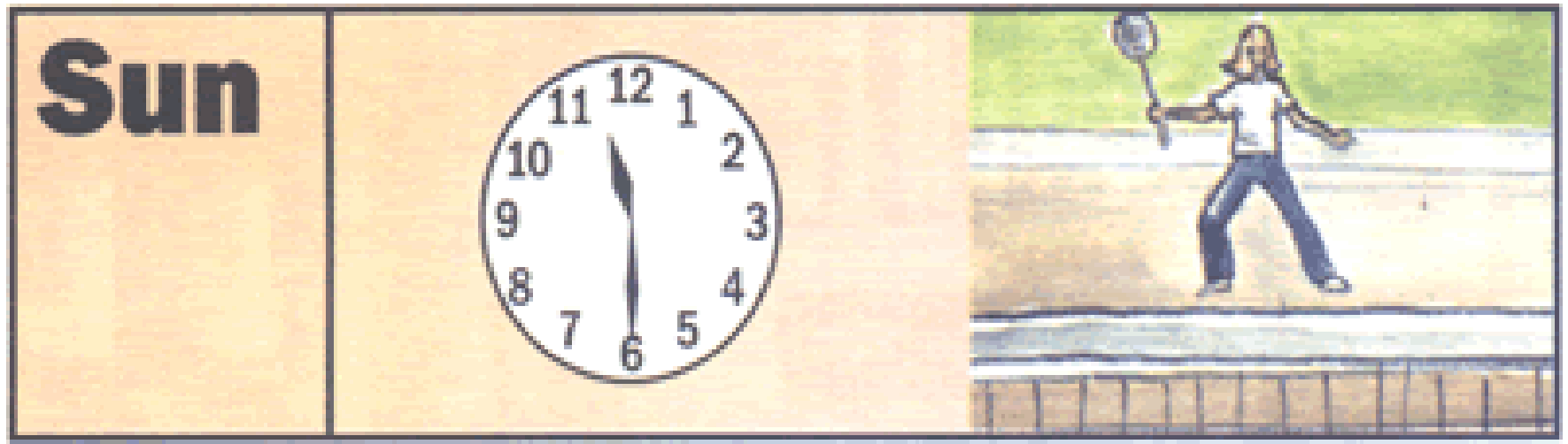


★ **Was Kate reading a book at half past six on Friday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was going a cafe' with her friends at half past six on Friday.



★ **Was Kate having breakfast at half past eleven on Sunday?**

No, she wasn't.

★ **What was she doing?**

She was playing tennis at half past eleven on Sunday.

WHEN AND WHY

- Use while for two actions in progress at the same time in the past:

While John **was sleeping** last night, someone stole his car.

- Use when when telling about sequence of events (one action that was in progress that was interrupted by another event in the past):

I was just leaving when you called.

(first action in progress)

(interrupting event)

WHEN/WHILE

When + S. Past Tense, Past Cont. Tense
Tense Past Cont + When + S. Past Tense



When I cut my finger, I was making a salad.

Simple past tense

Past continuous tense

I was making a salad when I cut my finger.

Past continuous tense

Simple past tense



WHEN/WHILE

While + Past Cont. Tense, S. Past Tense

S. Past Tense + While + Past Cont. Tense



While I was doing my homework, my uncle came in

Past continuous tense

Simple past tense

My uncle came in while I was doing my homework

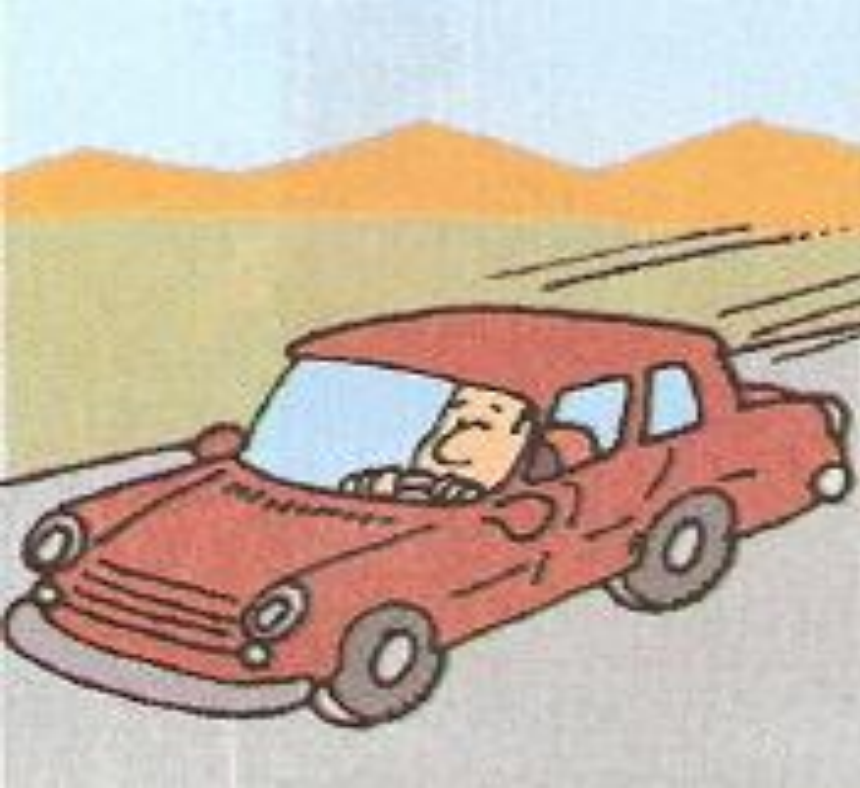
Simple past tense

Past continuous tense



..... I broke my glasses,I was cleaning them.

WHEN WHILE



He had an accident he was driving fast.

WHEN

WHILE



He was reading a newspaper in the park Mr. Carlos saw him.

WHEN

WHILE



..... he was riding a horse, he fell down.

WHEN WHILE

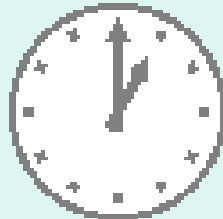
Practice:



Do you have a good memory?

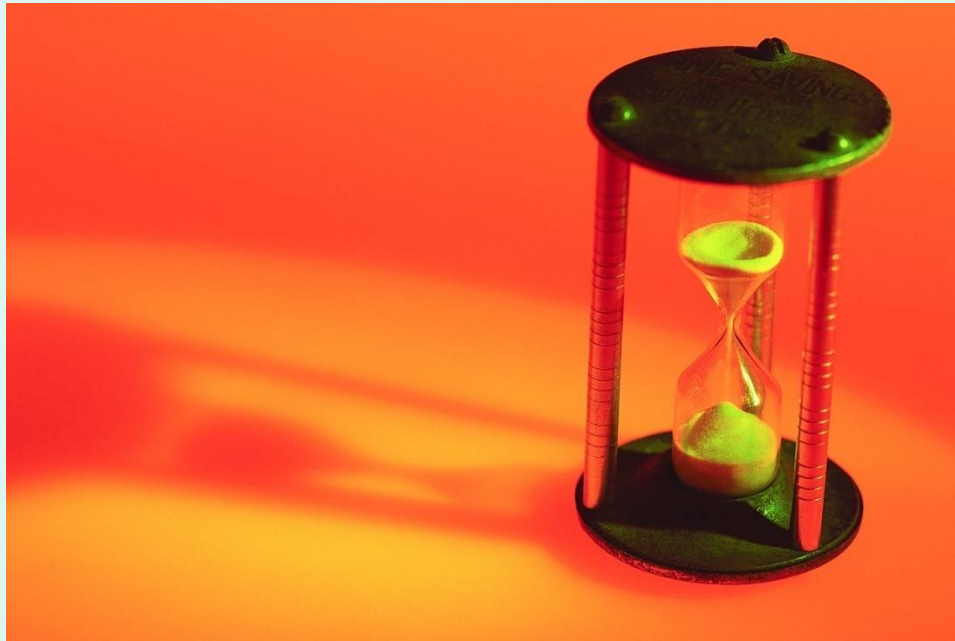
Are you a good witness?

- **Directions:** Look at the following picture for five minutes. Try to remember as many details as you can, but don't write anything.



Only five minutes...

- Ready, go



Five minutes...



What do you remember?

1. How many people were there?
2. Where were the people?
3. What was hanging from the ceiling?
4. What was the bank robber holding?
5. What was the bank robber wearing?
6. What color was his hair?
7. What was covering the bank robber's face?
8. Was the bank robber right-handed or left-handed?
9. What was the bank manager doing?
10. What was the bank teller doing?
11. Who was walking into the bank?
12. What time was it?
13. What was under the bank manager's desk?

ANSWER

1. Four people
2. In the bank
3. Money
4. A gun
5. Jacket
6. Yellow
7. A Masker
8. left handed
9. Hanging telephone
10. Hanging money
11. Policeman
12. 25 minutes past 10
13. Alarm

THE END

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