

Past continuous

We use the past continuous to talk about activities in progress in the past, and to describe a scene in the past.

*I **was studying** for an exam at nine o'clock last night.*

*It **was** a lovely spring day and the sun **was shining**. People **were walking** along the river and **eating** ice creams.*

*The police officers **were chasing** the thief.*

*They **weren't talking** on the phone.*

*The thief **wasn't wearing** a blue coat.*

***Were you watching** a film? Yes, I **was**.*

***Was it raining?** No, it **wasn't**.*

Grammar reference page 118

- 1 Josh and Rosa were in town on Saturday morning. Complete Josh's description with the correct form of the past continuous.

- Rosa and I _____ coffe at a café. (have)
- We _____ T – shirts ans shorts. (wear)
- I _____ postcards to my family (write)
- Rosa _____ photos with her mobile (take)
- Some birds _____ crumbs under my chair. (eat)

- 3  Write what you think these people were doing yesterday at midday. Use your imagination. Then compare your ideas with the class.

- 1 Angela, a journalist
I think Angela was interviewing a witness.
- 2 Max, a student
- 3 Chloe, a teacher
- 4 Snoopy, a dog
- 5 Jules, an actor
- 6 Matilda, a zoo keeper