

1.3 Grammar

Past Continuous and Past Simple

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- 1 Look at the picture. What were the Clark family doing at 5 p.m. yesterday? Complete the text with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.



Mr and Mrs Clark and their children ¹were enjoying (enjoy) the warm summer weather. Mrs Clark ²_____ (relax). She ³_____ (not cook). Mr Clark ⁴_____ (feel) hot because he ⁵_____ (stand) next to the barbecue. Olivia and Bruce ⁶_____ (not swim). They ⁷_____ (sit) next to the pool. The Clarks' dog, Spike, ⁸_____ (sleep) and Winnie the cat ⁹_____ (try) to eat a sausage.

- 2 Complete the dialogue with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

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- Marge: Where were you and Mac this morning, Eva? I ¹was looking for you, but you ²_____ your phones.
Eva: Sorry, Marge! I ³_____ some old books about Egyptian History at the library.
Marge: Was Mac at the library too?
Eva: No, he wasn't. He ⁴_____ Pops in the garage, so he didn't hear the phone.
Marge: What ⁵_____ they _____ in there?
Eva: They ⁶_____ the car for our next adventure.
Marge: How exciting! Where are you going?
Eva: I can't tell you, Marge. It's a secret.

- 3 Complete the text with *when* or *while*.



¹While Pops, Eva and Mac were cycling through the desert, they saw a tomb. They were trying to find a way into the tomb
²_____ Pops saw a small door. They went inside. Pops and Mac were looking at the walls of the tomb ³_____ Eva found Princess Zara's necklace. ⁴_____ she was trying to put on the necklace, somebody touched her neck. Mac was standing near Eva ⁵_____ she screamed. Then they saw Princess Zara! ⁶_____ they were running out of the tomb, they dropped the necklace.

- 4 Circle the correct words.

- While Pops wrote / was writing in his diary, he heard the front door open.
- Pops went / was going downstairs when Eva shouted: 'Hello, Grandad! It's us!'
- Mac and Eva were standing in the kitchen when Pops came / was coming in.
- While Mac made / was making some sandwiches, Eva fed the dog.
- Mac and Eva had / were having their tea when their mum came home from work.
- While mum was talking to Pops, Eva gave / was giving her a sandwich and a cup of tea.

- * 5 Complete the text with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

George Blake and the Birds of Paradise



A hundred and fifty years ago, two explorers, George Blake and Stanley Wilson, ¹were travelling (travel) through a forest. The sun ²_____ (shine) and it was very hot. After some time they ³_____ (stop) because they were tired. They ⁴_____ (sleep) when George ⁵_____ (hear) a strange sound. It was a beautiful bird, a bird of paradise! It ⁶_____ (sing) and another bird ⁷_____ (watch) it. George ⁸_____ (draw) the birds when Stanley ⁹_____ (wake up). 'What's that noise?' he shouted. The birds were scared and flew away. George wasn't happy.