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That's me in the picture!

A good photograph is knowing where to stand.
Ansel Adams,
American photographer

G past continuous **V** prepositions of time and place: *at, in, on* **P** weak forms: *was, were*

1 VOCABULARY *at, in, on*

a Complete the sentences with prepositions of time: *at, in, or on*.

- This photo shows me in Berlin in February – it was really cold.
- Henri Cartier-Bresson was born ____ 1908, and he died ____ August 2004.
- We have an exam ____ Monday morning.
- We never get any snow ____ the winter.
- Our flight is leaving ____ Wednesday ____ 9.30 ____ the evening and arriving ____ 12.00 ____ Thursday.
- In the UK, offices are closed ____ Christmas and ____ New Year's Day.
- I hate driving ____ night, getting up early ____ the morning, and working ____ weekends.
- ____ Easter, we went to Greece, and we're going again ____ the summer, probably the last two weeks ____ July.

b Complete the sentences with prepositions of place: *at, in, or on*.

- We took some great photos at the party.
- I can't read books ____ the bus or ____ a car.
- We want to put some shelves ____ the wall ____ the living room. We're going to put all our old books ____ the shelves.
- My family are from Ireland, but we live ____ New York, ____ the 11th floor of a tall building.
- I'll meet you ____ the station.
- The children all sat ____ the floor.
- They spent the morning ____ the museum and then went for a walk ____ the park.
- I met my boyfriend ____ school.

c Complete the phrases with *at, in, or on*.

- at work
- ____ 1948
- ____ Amsterdam
- ____ 9th May
- ____ Saturday and Sunday
- ____ the bus stop
- ____ the table
- ____ 7.15

d Match the beginnings of the sentences 1–8 to the endings in c.

- I think Jen's birthday is d ____.
- Between 9.00 and 5.00, my dad's usually ____.
- I usually get up ____.
- The office is closed ____.
- I come from Brussels, but I live ____.
- My grandfather was born ____.
- I saw you yesterday. You were waiting ____.
- There's a letter for you. I put it ____.

2 GRAMMAR past continuous

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list in the correct past continuous form.

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- Amy was walking in the park at 10.30 yesterday.
- ____ you and Jack ____ in the same office when you first met?
- Why didn't you answer the phone last night? What ____?
- It ____ when I left home this morning.
- I ____ in Prague in 2017.
- I dropped my passport when I ____ into the taxi.

b Write sentences with *when*. Use the past simple and past continuous.

- Tommy / fall off his bike / cycle home
Tommy fell off his bike when he was cycling home.
- Mark / talk on the phone / get a text

- The children / play computer games / the visitors arrive

- We / have a barbecue / it start to rain

- I / write a report / my computer crash

- c The police are at an art gallery because someone stole a famous painting at 5.30 yesterday afternoon. What were the people in the pictures doing at the time? Write sentences.

What were you doing at 5.30 yesterday afternoon?



1 clean Gallery 6

I was cleaning Gallery 6.



2 try to find the exit

We _____.



3 close the windows

I _____.



4 wash the coffee cups

We _____.



5 count the money

I _____.



6 What were you doing at 5.30 yesterday?

I _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION weak forms: was, were

- a Read the sentences. Are **was** and **were** stressed or unstressed? Write **S** for stressed and **U** for unstressed.

- 1 My mum took this photo when we **were** travelling in Malaysia. U
- 2 We met our new neighbours yesterday – they **weren't** very friendly. ____
- 3 What **were** you doing when I phoned you? ____
- 4 A **Was** Matt at home last night? ____
B No, he **wasn't**. ____
- 5 A It **was** a great party. ____
B **Was** it at Kim's house? ____
A Yes, it **was**. ____
- 6 There **were** lots of people at the supermarket. ____

- b 2.2 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.

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