

4 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Past continuous: affirmative and negative

1 ★ Complete the table with the words.

having listening playing
was wasn't watching were weren't

Affirmative

I / He / She / It	was	2
You / We / They	1	TV.
		3
		tennis.

Negative

I / He / She / It	4	6
You / We / They	5	lunch.
		7
		to music.

2 ★★ Complete the sentences using the affirmative or negative past continuous form of the verbs.

It was cold on holiday so we weren't wearing our summer clothes. (not wear)

1 This time last year, I _____ by car across Australia. (travel)

2 At 7.30, Kai _____ to school on his bike. He was on the bus. (not cycle)

3 In that old photo, Lola and Sophie _____ on the sofa. (sit)

4 I _____ in class this morning because I felt ill. (not study)

5 We _____ a mountain in that photo. (climb)

6 In this photo, you _____ at the camera. (not look)

3 ★★ Look at Holly's diary. Then complete the text using the past continuous.

Holly's Diary – Saturday

9.00 – 10.00 Do maths homework

10.30 – 12.00 Play basketball

★ 12.30 – 1.30 Help Mum – she needs to bake a cake for Lottie and Bella's birthday

★ 2.00 – 5.00 Lottie and Bella have their birthday party

5.45 – 6.15 Walk into town with Aunt Kate

7.00 – 9.00 Watch new film at cinema



I had a very busy day on Saturday ...

At 9.30 I was doing my maths homework – it was quite difficult! Then at 11.00

I was playing basketball at the sports centre with my team – it was an exciting match and we won in the end.

At 12.30 I was helping my mum. She was baking a cake for Lottie

and Bella – they're my twin sisters and it was their eighth birthday.

At 3.00 Lottie and Bella

were having their birthday party. It was very noisy! I was happy when it finished.

At 6.00 I walked into town with my aunt. At 7.30 we were watching that new film at the cinema. It was good to sit down because I was really tired!

4 ★★ What were you doing at these different times? Write sentences using the affirmative and negative past continuous.

At 7.00 on Saturday evening my friends and I were watching a funny film. We weren't playing a video game.

1 At 6.30 on Tuesday morning _____

2 On Friday afternoon at 3.00 _____

3 At 6.30 on Saturday evening _____

4 On Sunday morning at 10.30 _____

5 At 5.00 on my birthday _____

6 At 10.00 on the first morning of the school holidays _____

