

Tell us about your accidents!

What happened to you? What were you doing when it happened?

Yesterday afternoon I was cycling in the park. Some kids were playing football, so I wasn't paying attention to where I was going. While I was watching the match, a dog ran in front of me. I fell off my bike. I broke my arm, hurt my back and cut my knee. It was really painful. *Arlo*

My basketball team was playing a match on Friday. We weren't playing well, and the other team was really good. They were winning 34–21 when I got the ball. Unfortunately, when I was trying to score a basket, I hurt my ankle and fell. I hit my head and broke my nose. I was lucky I didn't break my neck. *Jodie*



1 **6.11** Describe the photo. Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 What was Arlo doing yesterday afternoon?
- 2 What happened to him when he fell?
- 3 What was Jodie doing on Friday?
- 4 What happened to her?

2 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Past Continuous in the text.

GRAMMAR

Past Continuous and Past Simple

+	I was cycling in the park. She was jumping. They were playing football.
-	I wasn't running. She wasn't swimming. We weren't playing well.
?	Were you cycling? Was she jumping? Were they playing? What was she doing yesterday at 5 p.m.?
	Yes, I was./No, I wasn't. Yes, she was./No, she wasn't. Yes, they were./No, they weren't.

Past Simple and Past Continuous

While/When/As I was watching the match, a dog ran in front of me.

I was watching the match when a dog ran in front of me.

3 In pairs, ask and answer the questions below.

What were you doing ...

- at 8 p.m. last Friday? • an hour ago?
- at six o'clock this morning? • on Sunday at 12.30?
- last week at this time? • 24 hours ago?

A: *What were you doing at 8 p.m. last Friday?*

B: *I was watching a film. What about you?*

4 Choose the correct option.

- 1 My cousin *had / was having* an accident when he *rode / was riding* a motorbike.
- 2 My mum *hit / was hitting* her head as she *got / was getting* into the car.
- 3 As my dad *did / was doing* weight-training, he *hurt / was hurting* his back.
- 4 We *fell / were falling* when we *danced / were dancing*.
- 5 I *hurt / was hurting* my ankle when I *ran / was running* to school.

5 6.12 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Listen and check.

A: What ¹*were you doing* (you/do) when the accident ²_____ (happen)?

B: I ³_____ (drive) my kids to school. They ⁴_____ (make) a lot of noise, so I ⁵_____ (tell) them to be quiet. I ⁶_____ (not look) at the road and I ⁷_____ (drive) into a tree. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.