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### Past continuous

#### 1. Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Yesterday at 6 p.m. we ..... (have) dinner.
- 2 Harry ..... (not listen) so he didn't know how to do the exercise.
- 3 Kate ..... (lie) on the beach and Anna ..... (eat) an ice cream.
- 4 Sam and Ryan ..... (smile) and Nancy (take) a photo of them.
- 5 Why ..... you and Zoe ..... (argue)?
- 6 Hannah was annoyed because a man on the train ..... (talk) loudly on his mobile.
- 7 At 1 a.m. Fred ..... still ..... (chat) with his friends on Facebook.
- 8 My eyes were closed, but I ..... (not sleep).

#### 2. Write sentences. Use the past continuous.

- 1 Jake / ride / his bike  
.....
- 2 the sun / shine?  
.....
- 3 it / not rain  
.....
- 4 where / he / go ?  
.....
- 5 he / not wear / a helmet  
.....

#### 3. Complete the text with the past continuous form of the verbs below.

carry      follow      hurry      leave      rain      stand      wear      not wear

When I got off the coach in London, the weather was awful. It 1..... and there was a cold wind. A short, fat man, who 2..... a hat and 3..... a small briefcase, got off after me. It was five o'clock and lots of people 4..... work and 5..... to catch the bus or the Underground. I 6..... a raincoat so I went into a department store and bought a cheap umbrella. When I came out, the short, fat man from the bus 7..... outside the department store.  
8..... he ..... Me?

#### 4. What was happening at the park yesterday afternoon? Complete the sentences, using the verbs and phrases below. Use the past continuous.

eat an ice cream    drink fruit juice    have a picnic    listen to music

phone someone    read a magazine    shine    sunbathe    text

WE  
SHE WAS PLAYING  
WE WERE STUDYING



6. Complete the dialogues with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 A 1..... (you / talk) on the phone at ten last night? I  
2..... (try) to call you.

B No, I 3..... (not talk) on the phone. I  
4..... (take) a walk and my phone was in the house.

2 A 5..... (you / play) on the beach when the storm started?  
B No, we 6..... (eat) lunch in the restaurant. It was quite  
frightening. When we started eating the sun 7..... (shine) and the next  
minute the wind 8..... (blow) and it 9..... (rain) hard.

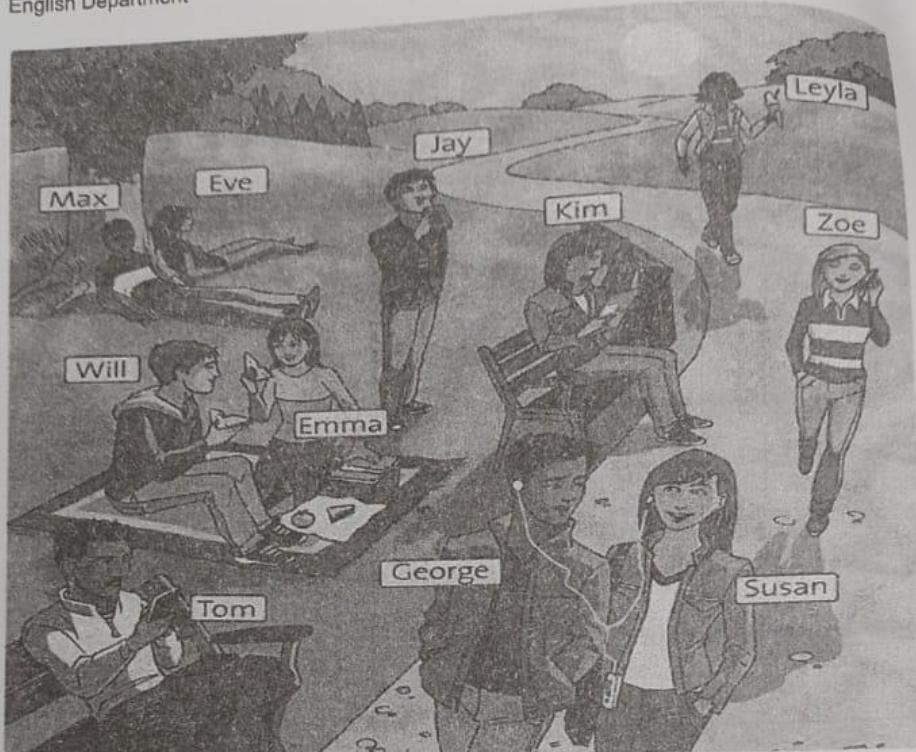
3 A 10..... (you / sleep) in class this morning?  
B No, I 11..... (not sleep)! I 12.....  
(try) to memorise irregular verbs for the test.

4 A What 13..... (Kate / do) in the head teacher's office this  
afternoon? Was she in trouble?  
B No, nothing like that. She 14..... (answer) questions about the  
theatre group's new play.



6. Complete the d

1 A 1.  
2 B No, I  
4  
2 A



- 1 Tom was texting.
- 2 Will and Emma .....
- 3 Kim .....
- 4 Max and Eve .....
- 5 George and Susan .....
- 6 Jay .....
- 7 Leyla .....
- 8 Zoe .....
- 9 The sun .....

5. Write questions with **you** in the past continuous. Then write true answers.

1.30 p.m. yesterday      10.30 p.m. yesterday      on this day last year

3 a.m. this morning      7.30 p.m. yesterday      8.30 a.m. this morning

1 What were you doing at 1.30 p.m. yesterday?

I was .....

2 ..... ?

3 ..... ?

4 ..... ?

5 ..... ?

6 ..... ?