

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: questions



1 Put the words in the correct order to make past continuous questions.

- you / watching / night / Were / last / news / the / ?
Were you watching the news last night? _____
- the / long / a / wearing / woman / coat / Was / ?

- along / Were / road / your / skating / friends / the / ?

- through / people / many / park / were / How / the / walking / ?

- into / Where / children / river / were / the / the / jumping / ?

- off / bus / the / passengers / were / Why / the / getting / ?



2 Write past continuous questions and short answers about the story in Exercise 5 on page 27.

- A the man / wear / a hoodie / ?
Was the man wearing a hoodie? _____
B No, he wasn't. _____
- A he / carry / a black bag / ?

B _____
- A alarm bells / ring / in the bank / ?

B _____
- A the policeman / ride / a motorbike / ?

B _____
- A the people / help / the policeman / ?

B _____
- A the dogs / run after / the man / ?

B _____

Past simple and past continuous

3 Circle the correct options.



- Our neighbour (fell) / was falling while he walked / was walking into the town.
- While she looked / was looking for her bag, she found / was finding an old photo.
- William didn't hear / wasn't hearing the man when he stood / was standing behind him.
- We cycled / were cycling home when the storm started / was starting.
- She had / was having a problem when she did / was doing her homework.
- Did they sit / Were they sitting on the bus when it hit / was hitting the car?



4 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- Ann was doing her homework while her mother came into her room. _____ when _____
- My friend was looking at her phone as the teacher saw her. _____
- While we were eating dinner, the cat was jumping onto the table and surprised us! _____
- He was playing rugby when he was breaking his leg. _____
- Weren't you answering the phone when it rang? _____



5 Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

leave not look not see play stand steal take wait walk

Caught on camera!

I ¹ was waiting for a friend in the park. I ² _____ under a small tree – that's why the girl ³ _____ me. She ⁴ _____ across the park quickly to where a man ⁵ _____ football with his son. The man's backpack was under a chair, and the girl ⁶ _____ it when he ⁷ _____ in her direction. As the girl ⁸ _____ the park, I ⁹ _____ a photo of her.

