

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 . They weren't playing well.	
?	Were you cycling ? Was she jumping ? Were they playing ?	Yes, I was ./No, I wasn't . Yes, she was ./No, she wasn't . Yes, they were ./No, they weren't .
	What was she doing yesterday at 5 p.m.?	

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.*

1 ● Choose the correct option.

- I wasn't / *didn't* talking to Danny when you saw me.
- Jake *is* / *was* doing his homework during the lesson.
- The students were *eating* / *eat* chips and salad.
- Was he* / *He was* playing well in the match?
- Was* / *Did* the teacher explaining a difficult grammar point?
- You were having lunch when Sammy *arrived* / *was arriving*.

2 ● Match the sentence halves.

- ☒ f We were walking across the park
 - ☐ While I was eating my dinner
 - ☐ When I went downstairs
 - ☐ I fell asleep
 - ☐ Jack was singing a song in the concert
 - ☐ My brother wasn't skiing
- a I dropped red sauce on my shirt.
b when he broke his ankle.
c Dad was cooking breakfast.
d when he fell off the stage.
e while I was reading my book.
f ~~when it started to rain.~~

3 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous or the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- We were eating (eat) dinner outside when the rain started (start).
- The students _____ (do) an exercise when the bell _____ (ring).
- While I _____ (shop) on Saturday I _____ (meet) an old friend.
- When I _____ (arrive) home my sister _____ (watch) a film on television.
- I _____ (not look) when Paul _____ (fall) off his bicycle.
I _____ (talk) to Marie.
- What _____ (you/do) when I _____ (phone) you last night?

4 ● Complete the text with the correct past forms of the verbs below.

call chat fall go (x2) hurt look
read ride say see not see sit (x2)
start wake

A surprising meeting

When I ¹ woke up yesterday my head ² _____, so I ³ _____ to see the doctor. I ⁴ _____ in the waiting room and I ⁵ _____ a magazine when suddenly someone ⁶ _____ 'Hello Pat!' I ⁷ _____ up and it was Terry Marsden. I last ⁸ _____ him five years ago at my first school! He ⁹ _____ down beside me and we ¹⁰ _____ chatting. Last week he ¹¹ _____ his horse when he ¹² _____ off! While we ¹³ _____, the doctor ¹⁴ _____ out 'Terry Marsden' and he ¹⁵ _____ in to see the doctor. I ¹⁶ _____ him later – I hope he was OK.