

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

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

- 1 I was working (work) all afternoon yesterday.
- 2 Yolanda _____ (make) sandwiches for our picnic.
- 3 My brother _____ (not sleep) in front of the TV.
- 4 We _____ (sit) in the car.
- 5 Clara _____ (look) for her phone.
- 6 They _____ (not shop) this morning.

2 Look at the photos and correct the sentences. Use the past continuous.



- 1 She was playing football.
She wasn't playing football. She was playing tennis.
- 2 They were texting.

- 3 He was sleeping.

- 4 We were sitting on the bus.

3 Complete the email with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

feel have jump listen not dance play sleep

Hi Irina,
Happy New Year! I hope
you ¹ were having fun
at midnight last night. I
was at a party, and a DJ



² was playing my favourite songs. I ³ _____ to the
music, but I ⁴ _____ - I
⁵ was feeling really tired. :(My friends
⁶ were jumping up and down on the dance
floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell
me that you ⁷ _____! :)
Write back soon!
Jessie

4 Look at the picture and complete the story with suitable verbs in the past continuous. There may be more than one possibility.

I had an interesting
dream last night.
I ¹ was sitting in
a winter garden.
Everything was
white because it



² _____
and I was very cold
because I
³ _____
winter clothes.
A big brown bear

⁴ _____
in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked
angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I
⁵ _____ afraid at all. I ⁶ _____
nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear
⁷ _____ to me! Then suddenly the bear
⁸ _____ a guitar and singing! In the end
⁹ _____ and I was sitting on the ground with my legs up