

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 _____ my favourite songs. I ³ _____ to the music, but I ⁴ _____ - I ⁵ _____ really tired. :(My friends ⁶ _____ 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, I started to get angry with the bear. Then I woke up!