EFL

Past continuous

We use the past continuous to talk about activities in progress in the past, and to describe a scene in the past.

*I **was studying** for an exam at nine o'clock last night.*

*It **was** a lovely spring day and the sun **was shining**. People **were walking** along the river and **eating** ice creams.*

*The police officers **were chasing** the thief.*

*They **weren't talking** on the phone.*

*The thief **wasn't wearing** a blue coat.*

***Were** you **watching** a film? Yes, I **was**.*

***Was** it **raining**? No, it **wasn't**.*

Grammar reference page 178

1 Josh and Rosa were in town on Saturday morning. Complete Josh's description with the correct form of the past continuous.

- **Rosa and I _____ coffe at a café. (have)**
- **We _____ T – shirts ans shorts. (wear)**
- **I _____ postcards to my family (write)**
- **Rosa _____ photos with her mobile (take)**
- **Some birds _____ crumbs under my chair. (eat)**

3 Write what you think these people were doing yesterday at midday. Use your imagination. Then compare your ideas with the class.

1 Angela, a journalist
I think Angela was interviewing a witness.
2 Max, a student
3 Chloe, a teacher
4 Snoopy, a dog
5 Jules, an actor
6 Matilda, a zoo keeper

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