1 Language focus

A **A talk-show host interviews a teen who survived an avalanche. Listen and practice.**

Host So, David, you survived the biggest avalanche in ten years! We're glad that you're here.
David Thanks.
Host I'd like to ask you some questions. First, what were you doing on Cannon Mountain?
David We were skiing on the north side of the mountain. It has the best snow.
Host Was it snowing that day?
David No, it wasn't. Actually, it was very sunny.
Host Who were you skiing with?
David I was skiing with my family – my parents and my sister.
Host Were many other people skiing?
David No. We were the only ones.

Past continuous questions

***Yes / No* questions**

Was it **snowing**?
Yes, it was.
No, it wasn't.
Were other people **skiing**?
Yes, they were.
No, they weren't.

***Wh-* questions**

What were you **doing**?
We were skiing.
Who were you **skiing** with?
I was skiing with my family.
My family.

B **Complete the interview questions. Then listen and check.**

Host What *were* you *doing* (do) when the avalanche hit?
David My father and I were climbing up the trail.
Host _____ you _____ (carry) your skis?
David Yes, we were.
Host Where _____ your mother and sister _____ (walk)?
David They were walking behind us, lower down the trail. They saw the avalanche first and started shouting.
Host What _____ they _____ (shout)?
David They were shouting, "Go right! Go right!" I looked, and I saw the snow coming down the mountain.
Host _____ it _____ (come) down the mountain very quickly?
David Yes, it was. It was coming really fast. We moved to the right – just in time.



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C **Marilyn was on a frozen lake last winter when the ice cracked. A talk-show host is asking her questions. Read her answers and write his questions. Then listen and check.**



1. **Q:** (What) *What were you doing on the lake?*
   A: I was skating on it.
2. **Q:** (Were) _____
   A: No, I wasn't skating alone.
3. **Q:** (Who) _____
   A: I was skating with my friend, Sarah. My father and brother were near the lake, too.
4. **Q:** (What) _____
   A: They were throwing snowballs at each other.
5. **Q:** (Was) _____
   A: No, it wasn't snowing, but it was really cold.
6. **Q:** (Where) _____
   A: Sarah was skating on the other side of the lake. But she saw me fall in, and she screamed loudly. My father found a rope and pulled me out. I'm lucky to be alive!

2 Speaking

Imagine a bad experience. Use an idea from the box or your own idea. Your classmates ask questions about it, using the past continuous.

You I broke my arm.
Classmate 1 What were you doing when you broke it?
You I was playing basketball.
Classmate 2 Were you shooting the ball?
You No. I was running.
Classmate 3 Where were you playing?
You I was playing in the gym.
Classmate 4 Who were you playing with?
You Trish and Carmen.

The electricity went out.
I broke my arm.
A bad storm hit my town.
My computer crashed.
I broke my leg.
A woman on a bicycle ran into me.

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