

## SIMPLE PAST – PAST CONTINUOUS

**2** Oliver was at camp last Wednesday. Look at his schedule. What was he doing at:

7:45 am\*?

8:30 am?

12:45 pm\*?

4:00 pm?

7:00 pm?

- 1 A: *What was Oliver doing at 7:45 am last Wednesday?*  
B: *He was having breakfast.*
- 2 A: .....?  
B: .....
- 3 A: .....?  
B: .....
- 4 A: .....?  
B: .....
- 5 A: .....?  
B: .....

Wednesday April 23rd

- 1 7:30 am – 8:00 am: have breakfast
- 2 8:00 am – 12:00 pm: walk in the mountains
- 3 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: have lunch
- 4 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm: sleep
- 5 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm: play football

**3** Write sentences using the prompts below and the past continuous. Then identify the use of the past continuous.



(John/listen music/his parents/watch TV)  
*John was listening to music while his parents were watching TV. (simultaneous actions)*.....



(Rosalie/cook/cut/finger)



(Lizzy and Nadia/play basketball/5 o'clock/yesterday)

**4** Form questions using the past continuous as in the example. Then answer the questions about yourself.

1 you / play football / at 3 o'clock yesterday?

A: *Were you playing football at 3 o'clock yesterday?*

B: *No, I wasn't. I was doing my homework.*

2 you / have lunch / at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon?

A: .....

B: .....

3 you / talk / on phone / at 8 o'clock yesterday evening?

A: .....

B: .....

4 you / watch / DVD / last Saturday morning?

A: .....

B: .....

### 5 Underline the correct item.

- I watched / was watching a DVD when my cat jumped / was jumping on me.
- She was buying / bought a new dress last month.
- Greg was sleeping / slept while Joanne listened / was listening to her MP3 player.
- Mum cooked / was cooking dinner when someone knocked / was knocking on the door.
- Sue was watering / watered the flowers when it started / start to rain.
- They were walking / walked to school last Monday because there was no bus.
- I ate / was eating a sandwich while my parents drank / were drinking coffee.

### 6 Put the verbs in brackets into the past continuous or the past simple.

- Jack ... was playing ... (play) a video game when his brother, Tom, ... entered ... (enter) the room.
- I ..... (study) for my English test when my mother ..... (come) home from work.
- I ..... (read) a book when my sister ..... (leave) for the cinema.
- Emma ..... (wash) the dishes when the telephone ..... (ring).
- I ..... (write) an email when the lights ..... (go) out.

### 7 Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous.

- A: What 1) ... were the children doing ... (the children/ do) when you 2) ..... returned ... (return) home last night?  
B: Kate 3) ..... (watch) a DVD and Andrew 4) ..... (do) his homework.
- A: How 1) ..... (Anne/break) her leg?  
B: She 2) ..... (ride) her horse when she 3) ..... (fall) and 4) ..... (land) on her leg.  
A: 5) ..... (she/go) to hospital?  
B: Yes, she did.
- A: When 1) ..... (you/see) Peter?  
B: While I 2) ..... (do) my shopping at the supermarket.
- A: I 1) ..... (call) you last night but you 2) ..... (not/answer). Where were you?  
B: I 3) ..... (jog) in the park.
- A: 1) ..... (you/hear) what happened to George?  
B: No! Is he OK?  
A: Well, he 2) ..... (ride) his bike to school when a cat 3) ..... (jump) out in front of him. He 4) ..... (try) to stop but he 5) ..... (fall) against a wall. Luckily, he 6) ..... (not/be) hurt.