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GRADE 8 UNIT 6 TEST
CRIME WATCH

GRAMMAR **Past Continuous Tense**

Name

A. Read the Word Zone about the grammar rule on Past Continuous Tense and answer the exercises below. (5 marks)

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**.*

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B. Josh and Rosa were in town on Saturday morning. Complete Josh's description with the correct form of the Past Continuous. (7 marks)

1. Rosa and I *were having* coffee at a café. **(have)**
2. We _____ T-shirts and shorts. **(wear)**
3. A woman on the table next to us _____ on her mobile. **(talk)**
4. I _____ postcards to my family. **(write)**
5. Rosa _____ photos with her mobile. **(take)**
6. One waiter _____ a chat with a customer. **(have)**
7. Another waiter _____ drinks to a table. **(take)**
8. Some birds _____ crumbs under my chair. **(eat)**



Rosa



Me (Josh)

C. Look at the picture below and complete the following sentences. (7 marks)



1. *Rosa and Josh weren't having coffee in a café. They were having orange juice.*
2. They weren't wearing T-shirts and shorts. They were wearing _____.
3. The woman on the table next to them wasn't talking on her mobile. She was _____.
4. Josh wasn't writing postcards to his family. Josh was _____.
5. Rosa wasn't taking photos with her mobile. Rosa was _____.
6. The waiter wasn't having a chat with a customer. He was _____.
7. The other waiter wasn't taking drinks to a table. He was _____.
8. The birds weren't eating crumbs under Josh's chair. They were _____.

D. Write what you these people are doing yesterday at midday. Use your imagination. There can be multiple answers. (5 marks)

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

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E. Write questions about yesterday. Use the Past Continuous. (5 marks)

1. your father / work / at 11am ?
   Was your father working at 11am yesterday?
2. you / sleep / at midnight ?
3. your teacher / teach a lesson / at midday ?
4. you / wear anything blue / in the morning ?
5. your best friend / sit next to you / at school ?
6. it / rain / at 3pm ?

F. Complete the conversations with verbs below in the Past Continuous. (9 marks)

1 A [1] *Were you studying* Maths yesterday at eight o'clock?
B At eight o'clock? No, I [2] _____ along the street.
A Where [3] _____?
B To my piano lesson.

2 A What [4] _____ at eight o'clock last night?
B I [5] _____ onions and garlic in the kitchen.
A What [6] _____?
B Soup!

3 A I [7] _____ on a train at eight o'clock last night.
B [8] _____ alone?
A Yes, I was. I [9] _____ to music and [10] _____ out of the window.

do
fry
go
listen
look
make
sit
~~study~~
travel
walk

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