

Exercises

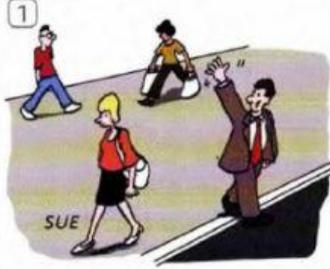
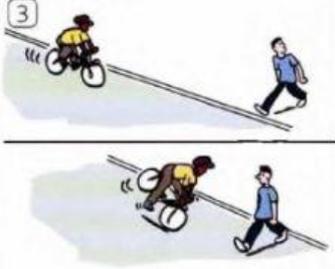
6.1 What were you doing at these times? Write sentences as in the examples. The past continuous is not always necessary (see the second example).

- (at 8 o'clock yesterday evening) I was having dinner.
- (at 5 o'clock last Monday) I was on a bus on my way home.
- (at 10.15 yesterday morning) _____
- (at 4.30 this morning) _____
- (at 7.45 yesterday evening) _____
- (half an hour ago) _____

6.2 Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

- Matt phoned while we were having dinner.
- The doorbell rang while I _____.
- The car began to make a strange noise when we _____.
- Jessica fell asleep while she _____.
- The television was on, but nobody _____.

6.3 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

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| <p>1</p>  <p>I <u>saw</u> (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she _____ (not / see) me. She _____ (look) the other way.</p> | <p>2</p>  <p>I _____ (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They _____ (go) to Paris and I _____ (go) to Rome. We _____ (have) a chat while we _____ (wait) for our flights.</p> | <p>3</p>  <p>I _____ (cycle) home yesterday when a man _____ (step) out into the road in front of me. I _____ (go) quite fast, but luckily I _____ (manage) to stop in time and _____ (not / hit) him.</p> |
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6.4 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- Jenny was waiting (wait) for me when I arrived (arrive).
- 'What _____ (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- '_____ (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- How fast _____ (you / drive) when the accident (happen)?
- Sam _____ (take) a picture of me while I _____ (not / look).
- We were in a very difficult position. We _____ (not / know) what to do.
- I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last _____ (see) him, he _____ (try) to find a job.
- I _____ (walk) along the street when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody _____ (follow) me. I was scared and I _____ (start) to run.
- When I was young, I _____ (want) to be a pilot.
- Last night I _____ (drop) a plate when I _____ (do) the washing-up. Fortunately it _____ (not / break).