

Worksheet

- Past Continuous-

1. Match the underlined verb forms in the news report with the uses :

USES

- a. two or more actions happening at the same time in the past
- b. background information in a story
- c. action in progress interrupted by another action in the past
- d. action in progress at a stated time in the past

Avalanche in the Alps

At 8:46 am yesterday morning, an avalanche struck at Tignes in the French Alps. It crashed down onto the resort's main ski slope, close to the Grande Hotel where a lot of the guests were having breakfast.

Luckily, because of the bad weather, only a few people were skiing at that time. Four tourists though - Mr and Mrs Jones and their two teenage children - were missing.

Theo Bisset, the manager of the hotel, called the emergency services. Snow was falling heavily and strong winds were blowing. The rescue helicopters couldn't fly, so Bisset grabbed his boots and set out to look for them himself. He was searching the area furthest from the hotel when he heard a shout. It took him another hour to dig the family out.

"We were afraid," said Mr Jones later. "But we knew the people at the resort would find a way to rescue us." Fortunately for Mr Jones and his family, he was right.

2. These people were in the garden last Sunday at midday. Look at the pictures and correct the sentences.



- 1 Paul was playing with the dog.
e.g. Paul wasn't playing with the dog. He was painting the door.
- 2 Ann was eating an apple.
Ann.....an apple. She.....the grass.
- 3 Sue was watering the flowers.
Sue.....the flowers. She..... an apple.
- 4 Jane and Mary were cutting the grass. Jane and Mary..... the grass.
They..... the flowers.
- 5 Bob was painting the door.
Bob.....the door. He.....the dog.

3. Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Continuous:

1. I (go) to school yesterday when I saw a house on fire.
2. He met her as he (cross) the bridge.
3. Mike (read) a letter when father opened the door.
4. While mother (cook), father(read) a newspaper and their children.....(play) video games.

4. Match the two halves of the sentences.

a. It was getting dark so	1. I went to have a rest
b. It was getting late so	2. she started to work harder to improve her Maths skills.
c. Her grades were getting worse so	3. they turned on the lights.
d. Tom was getting hungry so	4. he stopped eating bread and sweets.
e. Kate's hands were getting colder so	5. they took a taxi.
f. Larry was getting fat so	6. he started to look for a place to have lunch
g. I was getting tired so	7. she put on her gloves

E.g. a-3

