Past Continuous

The past continuous

We use the past continuous to talk about an action that was in progress at a certain time in the past.

We form the past continuous with **was/were** + past participle. For negative sentences, use **wasn't/weren't**. For questions, we use **was/were** + subject + past participle.

*I **was walking** slowly.*
*Holly **wasn't listening** to her MP3 player.*
Were** you **making** dinner?* ***Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

What were these people doing yesterday at 4 o´clock?

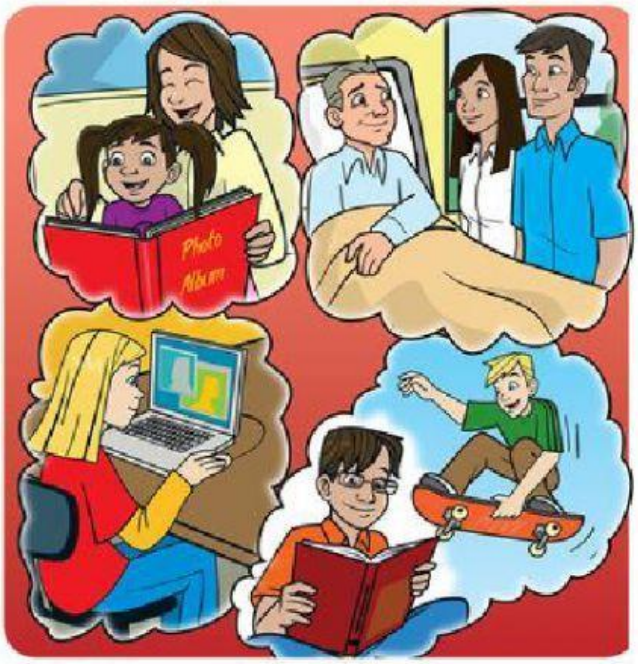
Read the sentences and choose the correct picture.

1. Jane **was watching** TV yesterday at 4 o´clock.			
2. Sam **was doing** his homework yesterday at 4 o´clock.			
3. Peter and Tess **were playing** a tennis match yesterday at 4 o´clock.			
4. My parents **were riding** their bikes yesterday at 4 o´clock.			

Now, look at the picture and complete the sentences using WAS or WERE + one of the verbs from the word bank with "ing".

ride visit ~~look~~ make read

What were the family doing at three o´clock yesterday afternoon?



1. Holly and her aunt were looking at the photo album.

2. Holly´s parents _____ a friend in hospital.

3. Amy _____ a photo album on the computer.

4. Leo _____ his skateboard outside.

5. Max _____ a new book.