

3 The great outdoors

LOOK again Past continuous

We use the *past continuous* to describe what was happening in the past.

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I was climbing when I fell.	I wasn't walking .	Was I playing?
You were climbing when you fell.	He wasn't walking .	Was she playing?
He was climbing when he fell.	They weren't walking .	Were we playing?

1 Read and match.

- 1 She was skating
- 2 We were cooking sausages
- 3 You were flying your kite
- 4 He was skiing down the hill fast
- 5 I was sleeping
- 6 They were waiting at the station

when

- a he saw a tree in front of him.
- b it flew into a tree.
- c she fell down.
- d the kitchen caught fire.
- e their train arrived.
- f you phoned me.

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2 Look at the pictures. Answer the questions.



- 1 Was Betty playing volleyball at quarter past eleven? Yes, she was.
- 2 Were Frank and Betty doing their homework at quarter past five? _____
- 3 Was Frank playing the guitar at ten past seven? _____
- 4 Were Frank and Betty having lunch at twenty-five past one? _____
- 5 Was Betty cleaning her teeth at half past eight? _____
- 6 Were Frank and Betty watching TV at ten to five? _____

PRACTICE UNIT 3 – 4TH A

5 Match the sentences with the pictures.

- 1 We looked at our map. We had to walk through a forest to get to the campsite.
- 2 In this picture we were eating the sandwiches which John and David got from the café. We couldn't eat the sausages because they burned black!
- 3 Last week I went camping with my friends John and David. When we got off the bus it was raining.
- 4 Our feet were hurting after the long walk and we were tired and hungry when we arrived.
- 5 It was getting late when we were walking through the forest and it was very dark.
- 6 This is a picture of me when I was cooking the sausages. I'm not a very good cook.



6 Read and answer 'yes' or 'no'.

- 1 He went camping with his friends David and John. *yes*...
- 2 It was raining when they got off the bus.
- 3 They had to walk up a hill to get to the campsite.
- 4 The Sun was coming up when they were walking through the forest.
- 5 Their feet were hurting when they arrived at the campsite.
- 6 When he was cooking the sausages, he burned them.

7 Read and answer.

Hi Sarah,

This is a funny photo of me at the airport! We were waiting for our plane when I started to feel hungry so I decided to buy an ice cream. There weren't many people waiting to buy one. When I was giving the man the money, someone put their suitcase down on the floor behind me. I didn't see it! I was starting to eat my ice cream when my mum called me to go and catch my plane. I turned quickly and I fell over the suitcase and ... my face went into my ice cream! When I stood up, I had a chocolate ice cream on my nose! My mum thought I looked really funny, so she took the photo!

How were your holidays?

See you soon,

Katy

- 1 What were Katy and her mum doing in the airport? *They were waiting for the plane.*
- 2 Were there many people waiting to buy an ice cream?
- 3 When did someone put their suitcase down behind her?
- 4 What was she starting to do when her mum called her?
- 5 What did her mum think when she stood up?