Grammar Past Continuous and Past Simple

Past Continuous

+	I was waiting.	–	I wasn't waiting.
	They were waiting.		They weren't waiting.
?	Was she waiting?		Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.
	Were they waiting?		Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.
	What was she wearing?		

Time expressions

(yesterday) at five o'clock, yesterday morning, yesterday evening

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We were cycling when we saw the lost tomb of Princess Zara.
While Princess Zara was dancing, she fell into the river.

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At four o'clock Fluffy was having a party. Max and Anna were dancing. Hammy was eating a cake.



Say what Pops, Eva and Mac were and weren't doing yesterday morning at 8.30.

1 Pops, Eva and Mac / have / breakfast. ✘
Pops, Eva and Mac weren't having breakfast.
2 Pops / clean / his boots. ✔
3 Eva / ride / her bike. ✘
4 Eva and Mac / play cards. ✘
5 Mac / pack / his backpack. ✔
6 Eva / read / a book about Egypt. ✔

Circle the correct answer. Then circle true (T) or false (F).

1 Pops, Mac and Eva *cycled* / (*were cycling*) through the desert when they saw the tomb. (T) / F
2 While Eva *looked* / *was looking* at clothes, Pops started to tell a story. T / F
3 The princess *had* / *was having* an accident while she was dancing. T / F
4 A snake was watching them when the princess *fell* / *was falling* into the river. T / F
5 Eva *was putting* / *put* on the necklace when Princess Zara appeared. T / F

Look at the pictures. Then ask and answer in pairs.



1 Princess Zara / talking on the phone?
A: *Was Princess Zara talking on the phone at 8 a.m.?*
B: *No, she wasn't.*
2 she / have breakfast?



3 Princess Zara and her pet scorpion / play / football?
4 they / play chess?



5 Princess Zara / read / a book?
6 she / sleep?

Exam Spot **Complete Princess Zara's diary. Use one word in each gap.**

Yesterday [1] was an interesting day! I had visitors. I was sleeping [2] ___ they arrived. While they [3] ___ exploring my tomb, I woke up. An old man and a boy were [4] ___ hieroglyphics and a girl [5] ___ putting on my necklace. I was trying to help her [6] ___ the boy saw me and screamed! It was strange because I [7] ___ trying to scare them! I wanted to help.

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