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LANGUAGE FOCUS • Past continuous: affirmative and negative

1 ★ Complete the table with the words.

having	listening	playing
was	wasn't	watching
were	weren't	

Affirmative

1 / He / She / It You / We / They	was	2
		TV.
1		3
		tennis.
Negative		
1 / He / She / It You / We / They	4	6
	5	lunch.
		7
		to music.

2 ★★ Complete the sentences using the affirmative or negative past continuous form of the verbs.

It was cold on holiday so we weren't wearing our summer clothes. (not wear)

- 1 This time last year, I traveled by car across Australia. (travel)
- 2 At 7.30, Kai went to school on his bike. He was on the bus. (not cycle)
- 3 In that old photo, Lola and Sophie were sitting on the sofa. (sit)
- 4 I wasn't in class this morning because I felt ill. (not study)
- 5 We were climbing a mountain in that photo. (climb)
- 6 In this photo, you were looking at the camera. (not look)

3 ★★ Look at Holly's diary. Then complete the text using the past continuous.

Holly's Diary – Saturday

9.00 – 10.00	Do maths homework
10.30 – 12.00	Play basketball
12.30 – 1.30	Help Mum – she needs to <u>bake</u> a <u>cake</u> for Lottie and Bella's birthday
2.00 – 5.00	Lottie and Bella have their birthday party
5.45 – 6.15	Walk into town with Aunt Kate
7.00 – 9.00	Watch new film at cinema



I had a very busy day on Saturday ...

At 9.30 I was doing my maths homework – it was quite difficult! Then at 11.00 I ¹ was playing basketball at the sports centre with my team – it was an exciting match and we won in the end.

At 12.30 I ² was helping my mum. She ³ was baking a cake for Lottie and Bella – they're my twin sisters and it was their eighth birthday.

At 3.00 Lottie and Bella ⁴ were having their birthday party. It was very noisy! I was happy when it finished.

At 6.00 I ⁵ went into town with my aunt. At 7.30 we ⁶ were watching that new film at the cinema. It was good to sit down because I was really tired!

4 ★★ What were you doing at these different times? Write sentences using the affirmative and negative past continuous.

At 7.00 on Saturday evening my friends and I were watching a funny film. We weren't playing a video game.

1 At 6.30 on Tuesday morning

2 On Friday afternoon at 3.00

3 At 6.30 on Saturday evening

4 On Sunday morning at 10.30

5 At 5.00 on my birthday

6 At 10.00 on the first morning of the school holidays

