

1.3 Grammar

Past Continuous and Past Simple

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1 Look at the picture. What were the Clark family doing at 5 p.m. yesterday? Complete the text with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.



Mr and Mrs Clark and their children

1 were enjoying (enjoy) the warm summer weather. Mrs Clark 2 _____ (relax). She 3 _____ (not cook). Mr Clark 4 _____ (feel) hot because he 5 _____ (stand) next to the barbecue. Olivia and Bruce 6 _____ (not swim). They 7 _____ (sit) next to the pool. The Clarks' dog, Spike, 8 _____ (sleep) and Winnie the cat 9 _____ (try) to eat a sausage.

2 Complete the dialogue with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

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Marge: Where were you and Mac this morning. Eva? I 1 was looking for you, but you 2 _____ your phones.

Eva: Sorry, Marge! I 3 _____ some old books about Egyptian History at the library.

Marge: Was Mac at the library too?

Eva: No, he wasn't. He 4 _____ Pops in the garage, so he didn't hear the phone.

Marge: What 5 _____ they 6 _____ in there?

Eva: They 6 _____ the car for our next adventure.

Marge: How exciting! Where are you going?

Eva: I can't tell you, Marge. It's a secret.

3 Complete the text with *when* or *while*.

1 While Pops, Eva and Mac were cycling through the desert, they saw a tomb. They were trying to find a way into the tomb

2 _____ Pops saw a small door.

They went inside. Pops and Mac were looking at the walls of the tomb 3 _____. Eva found Princess Zara's necklace. 4 _____ she was trying to put on the necklace, somebody touched her neck. Mac was standing near Eva 5 _____. she screamed. Then they saw Princess Zara!

6 _____ they were running out of the tomb, they dropped the necklace.



4 Circle the correct words.

1 While Pops wrote / was writing in his diary, he heard the front door open.

2 Pops went / was going downstairs when Eva shouted: 'Hello, Grandad! It's us!'

3 Mac and Eva were standing in the kitchen when Pops came / was coming in.

4 While Mac made / was making some sandwiches, Eva fed the dog.

5 Mac and Eva had / were having their tea when their mum came home from work.

6 While mum was talking to Pops, Eva gave / was giving her a sandwich and a cup of tea.

*5 Complete the text with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

George Blake and the Birds of Paradise

A hundred and fifty years ago, two explorers, George Blake and Stanley Wilson, 1 were travelling (travel) through a forest. The sun 2 _____ (shine) and it was very hot.

After some time they 3 _____ (stop) because they were tired. They 4 _____ (sleep) when

George 5 _____ (hear) a strange sound. It was a beautiful bird, a bird of paradise! It 6 _____

(sing) and another bird 7 _____ (watch) it.

George 8 _____ (draw) the birds when

Stanley 9 _____ (wake up). What's that



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