

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: questions

1 Put the words in the correct order to make past continuous questions.

- 1 you / watching / night / Were / last / news / the / ?
Were you watching the news last night? _____
- 2 the / long / a / wearing / woman / coat / Was / ?

- 3 along / Were / road / your / skating / friends / the / ?

- 4 through / people / many / park / were / How / the / walking / ?

- 5 into / Where / children / river / were / the / the / jumping / ?

- 6 off / bus / the / passengers / were / Why / the / getting / ?

2 Write past continuous questions and short answers about the story in Exercise 5 on page 27.

- 1 A the man / wear / a hoodie / ?
Was the man wearing a hoodie? _____
B No, he wasn't. _____
- 2 A he / carry / a black bag / ?

B _____
- 3 A alarm bells / ring / in the bank / ?

B _____
- 4 A the policeman / ride / a motorbike / ?

B _____
- 5 A the people / help / the policeman / ?

B _____
- 6 A the dogs / run after / the man / ?

B _____

Past simple and past continuous

3 Circle the correct options.

- 1 Our neighbour (fell) / was falling while he walked / (was walking) into the town.
- 2 While she looked / was looking for her bag, she found / was finding an old photo.
- 3 William didn't hear / wasn't hearing the man when he stood / was standing behind him.
- 4 We cycled / were cycling home when the storm started / was starting.
- 5 She had / was having a problem when she did / was doing her homework.
- 6 Did they sit / Were they sitting on the bus when it hit / was hitting the car?

4 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Ann was doing her homework while her mother came into her room. _____ when _____
- 2 My friend was looking at her phone as the teacher saw her. _____
- 3 While we were eating dinner, the cat was jumping onto the table and surprised us! _____
- 4 He was playing rugby when he was breaking his leg. _____
- 5 Weren't you answering the phone when it rang? _____

5 Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

leave not look not see play
stand steal take ~~wait~~ walk

Caught on camera!

I ¹ was waiting for a friend in the park. I
² _____ under a small tree
— that's why the girl ³ _____
me. She ⁴ _____ across the park quickly to
where a man ⁵ _____ football with his son.
The man's backpack was under a chair, and the girl
⁶ _____ it when he ⁷ _____ in
her direction. As the girl ⁸ _____ the park, I
⁹ _____ a photo of her.

