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



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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.

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