

# 4 Disaster!

## STUDY AGAIN Past continuous

We use the past continuous to describe what was happening in the past.

Affirmative	Negative (n't = not)	Question
I <b>was listening</b> to music.	You <b>weren't playing</b> tennis.	<b>Was</b> she reading?
They <b>were walking</b> to school.	He <b>wasn't running</b> in the park.	<b>Were</b> they sailing?

### 1 Match the pictures with the text.



Emma's talking to her teacher. She's saying why she was late for school.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Then I saw the bus. It was coming down the street so I started to run. | <input type="checkbox"/> Now I can't find my homework. It must be on the road. Sorry! And I'm sorry I'm late!       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The books were on the road in the water when the bus ran over them.    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I had a disaster this morning. I was walking to school when it started to rain. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't have a coat or umbrella so I decided to get the bus.          | <input type="checkbox"/> When I was running for the bus I dropped my schoolbag and my books fell out onto the road. |

### 2 Write the verbs in the table. Look at the spelling.

carry cook cut enjoy get live lose ~~move~~ shout stop swim wake up

taking (✓ + -ing)	sailing (+ -ing)	running (x2 + -ing)
<u>moving</u>		

### 3 Read and choose the right words.

- They were sailing across the lake when / because it started to rain.
- He was **climb** / **climbing** in the mountains when it started to snow.
- My dad was having a shower when the phone **ring** / **rang**.
- The boy **was** / **were** flying his kite when he hurt his elbow.
- They were losing **if** / **when** he scored the goal.