

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 was listening to music.	You weren't playing tennis.	Was she reading?
They were walking to school.	He wasn't running in the park.	Were they sailing?

1 Match the pictures with the text.



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

- Then I saw the bus. It was coming down the street so I started to run.
- The books were on the road in the water when the bus ran over them.
- I didn't have a coat or umbrella so I decided to get the bus.
- Now I can't find my homework. It must be on the road. Sorry! And I'm sorry I'm late!
- I had a disaster this morning. I was walking to school when it started to rain.
- 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 (x+ -ing)	sailing (+ -ing)	running (x2 + -ing)
moving		

3 Read and choose the right words.

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