

Past continuous

1 ★★ Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs given.



What were these people doing yesterday at 5 pm?

- 1 Katia and Paolo (make) a cake.
- 2 My grandad (sleep) on the sofa.
- 3 I (eat) a sandwich.
- 4 Eric (write) an email.
- 5 Suzanna and Jo (run) in the park.
- 6 We (look) out of the window.

2 ★★ Look at the table and complete the sentences.

	10–11 am	4–5 pm	7–8 pm
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4 ★★ Match the questions (1–6) to the short answers (a–f).

- 1 Were you living on your own in London in 2015?
- 2 Was Tom writing his novel last weekend?
- 3 Were the scientists working in the laboratory yesterday?
- 4 Were we chatting online last Monday evening?
- 5 Was Sophia practising with the band last night?
- 6 Was it raining yesterday?

a Yes, she was. **d** No, we weren't.
b Yes, it was. **e** No, they weren't.
c No, I wasn't. **f** Yes, he was.

5 ★★★ Write questions and short answers in the past continuous using the prompts below.

- 1 you / do / homework yesterday evening ✓
A: ?
B:
- 2 Sally / watch / a film at 6 pm ✗
A: ?
B:
- 3 your friends / play / football last weekend ✓
A: ?
B:

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	10–11 am	4–5 pm	7–8 pm
Me	study English	chat online	do homework
Mum	email customers	do the washing	watch TV
Dad	have a meeting	clean house	make dinner
Brother	study geography	play guitar	watch TV

- 1 At 10.30 am, my dad
- 2 At 10.45 am, my brother and I
- 3 At 4.15 pm, my mum
- 4 At 4.30 pm, my dad
- 5 At 7.30 pm, my mum and my brother
- 6 At 7.45 pm, I

☆☆ Complete the sentences with the correct past continuous form of these verbs.

clean • have • not listen • not wear • rain • wait

- 1 It so we didn't play rugby.
- 2 We dinner so I couldn't answer the phone.
- 3 Max a coat so he was very cold.
- 4 They the swimming pool so we couldn't go swimming.
- 5 Sorry, I Can you say that again?
- 6 Why you at the bus stop?

A: ?

B:

4 your brother / run / in the park on Saturday ✓

A: ?

B:

5 the band / record / in the studio last month ✗

A: ?

B:

Grammar challenge ★★★

6 Read the conversation. Find and correct ten mistakes.

James: Hi! Was you studying at 8 pm last night? You didn't to answer your phone.

Chloe: Yes, I was chat online and I didn't heard it. Sorry! What you want to talk about?

James: I wanted to ask you about our geography homework. I couldn't understanding it!

Chloe: I can to help you now. I was did it on Monday. It was easily.

James: That's OK. My sister was helped me so I finished it.

1	.....	6	.....
2	.....	7	.....
3	.....	8	.....
4	.....	9	.....
5	.....	10	.....