2B Grammar

Past continuous

I can use the past continuous.

1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Yesterday at 6 p.m. we _____ (have) dinner.
2 Harry _____ (not listen) so he didn't know how to do the exercise.
3 Kate _____ (lie) on the beach and Anna _____ (eat) an ice cream.
4 Sam and Ryan _____ (smile) and Nancy _____ (take) a photo of them.
5 Why _____ you and Zoe _____ (argue)?
6 Hannah was annoyed because a man on the train _____ (talk) loudly on his mobile.
7 At 1 a.m. Fred _____ still _____ (chat) with his friends on Facebook.
8 My eyes were closed, but I _____ (not sleep).

2 Write sentences. Use the past continuous.

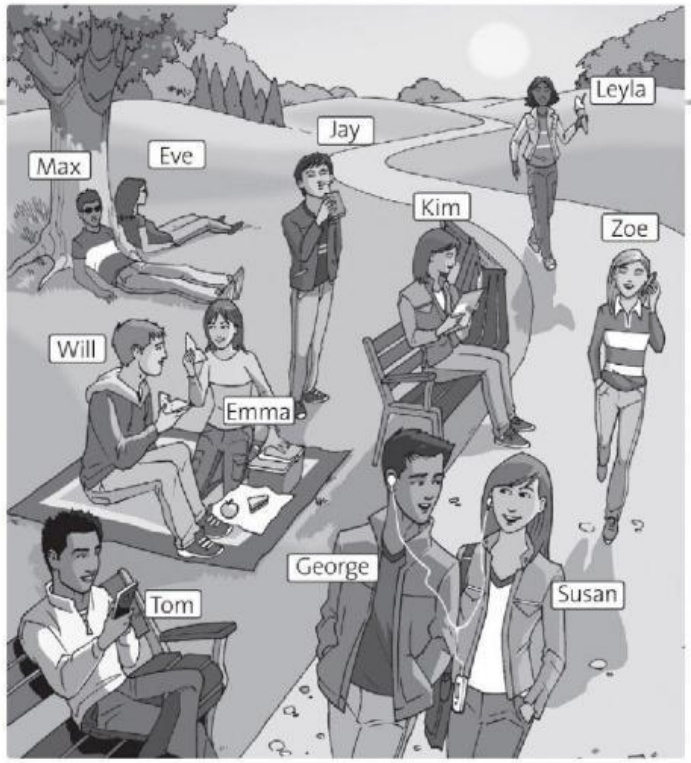
1 Jake / ride / his bike
Jake was riding his bike.
2 the sun / shine ?
_____
3 it / not rain
_____
4 where / he / go ?
_____
5 he / not wear / a helmet
_____

3 Complete the text with the past continuous form of the verbs below.

carry follow hurry leave rain stand wear not wear



When I got off the coach in London, the weather was awful. It [1] _____ and there was a cold wind. A short, fat man, who [2] _____ a hat and [3] _____ a small briefcase, got off after me. It was five o'clock and lots of people [4] _____ work and [5] _____ to catch the bus or the Underground. I [6] _____ a raincoat so I went into a department store and bought a cheap umbrella. When I came out, the short, fat man from the bus [7] _____ outside the department store. [8] _____ he _____ me?



4 What was happening at the park yesterday afternoon? Complete the sentences, using the verbs and phrases below. Use the past continuous.

eat an ice cream drink fruit juice have a picnic listen to music phone someone read a magazine shine sunbathe ~~text~~

1 Tom was texting.
2 Will and Emma _____.
3 Kim _____.
4 Max and Eve _____.
5 George and Susan _____.
6 Jay _____.
7 Leyla _____.
8 Zoe _____.
9 The sun _____.

5 Write questions with *you* in the past continuous. Then write true answers.

~~1.30 p.m. yesterday~~ 10.30 p.m. yesterday
on this day last year 3 a.m. this morning
7.30 p.m. yesterday 8.30 a.m. this morning

1 What were you doing at 1.30 p.m. yesterday?
I was … _____.
2 _____?
_____.
3 _____?
_____.
4 _____?
_____.
5 _____?
_____.
6 _____?
_____.

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