

Learn Grammar

A Read and learn.

Past Continuous

Use the past continuous to talk about things that were happening at a certain time in the past.

Form the past continuous by putting the past form of *be* before the main verb and adding *-ing* to the end of the main verb.



Affirmative	Negative	Questions	Short Answers
I / He / She / It / was looking.	I / He / She / It / wasn't looking.	Was I / he / she / it / looking?	Yes, I / he / she / it / was. No, I / He / She / It / wasn't.
You / We / They / were looking.	You / We / They / weren't looking.	Were you / we / they / looking?	Yes, you / we / they were. No, you / we / they weren't.

Remember!

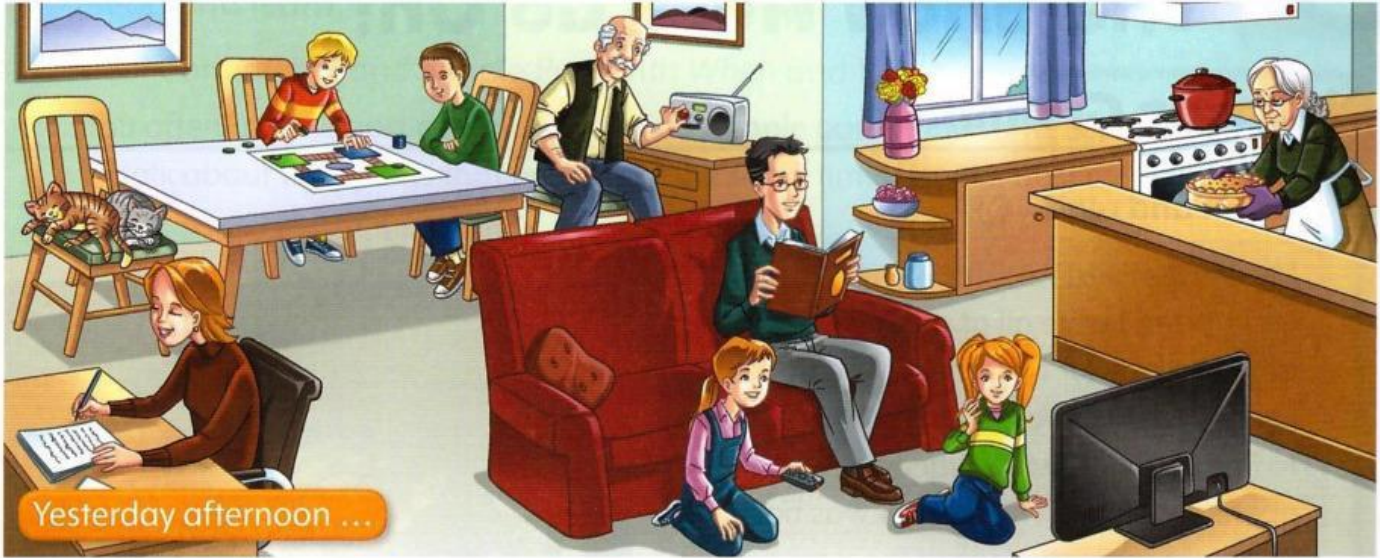
ride	e + -ing	riding
agree	+ -ing	agreeing
tie	ie + y + -ing	tying
shop	Double the consonant + -ing	shopping

B Complete the sentences. Use the correct forms of the past continuous.

- The sun _____ (shine).
- Two birds _____ (sit) in the tree.
- A cat _____ (climb) the tree.
- Sam _____ (try) to catch a butterfly.
- The butterfly _____ (fly) away.
- Ellie _____ (write) in her notebook.



- G** Look at the picture. Write questions using the past continuous. Write short answers.



1 Mom / talk / on the phone ?

2 Dad / read / a book ?

3 the boys / play / a board game ?

4 the girls / write / letters ?

5 Grandma / make / a cake ?

6 Grandpa / help / Grandma ?

7 the cats / play / with a ball ?

Let's Talk!

- H** Ask and answer with your partner. Use the words in the box or your own ideas.

wash / the car make / a cake watch / TV write / a poem

Were you watching TV on Saturday morning?

Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

Was your mom making a cake?

Yes, she was. / No, she wasn't.