

The past continuous



We use the past continuous to talk about an action that was in progress at a certain time in the past.

We form the past continuous with **was/were** + past participle. For negative sentences, use **wasn't/weren't**. For questions, we use **was/were** + subject + past participle.

I was walking slowly.

Holly wasn't listening to her MP3 player.

Were you making dinner? Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

See page 78 for formation of the -ing form.

1 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets and the present continuous.

- 1 Judy was making (make) dinner.
- 2 Amy and Zoe weren't watching (not watch) a film at the cinema.
- 3 It was raining (rain) very heavily.
- 4 You and Jack weren't waiting (not wait) at the bus stop.
- 5 I was feeling (feel) very cold.
- 6 You were tidying (tidy) your room.
- 7 The traffic was moving (move) very slowly.
- 8 William wasn't sending (not send) an email to Jamie.
- 9 Oscar and I were talking (talk) about the football match.