

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.

- Judy was making (make) dinner.
- Amy and Zoe _____ (not watch) a film at the cinema.
- It _____ (rain) very heavily.
- You and Jack _____ (not wait) at the bus stop.
- I _____ (feel) very cold.
- You _____ (tidy) your room.
- The traffic _____ (move) very slowly.
- William _____ (not send) an email to Jamie.
- Oscar and I _____ (talk) about the football match.