

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: questions

1 ★★ Put the words in the correct order to make past continuous questions.

- 1 you / watching / night / Were / last / news / the / ?
Were you watching the news last night?
- 2 the / long / a / wearing / woman / coat / Was / ?
- 3 along / Were / road / your / skating / friends / the / ?
- 4 through / people / many / park / were / How / the / walking / ?
- 5 into / Where / children / river / were / the / the / jumping / ?
- 6 off / bus / the / passengers / were / Why / the / getting / ?

2 ★★ Write past continuous questions and short answers about the story in Exercise 5 on page 27.

1 A the man / wear / a hoodie / ?

Was the man wearing a hoodie?

B No, he wasn't.

2 A he / carry / a black bag / ?

B

3 A alarm bells / ring / in the bank / ?

B

4 A the policeman / ride / a motorbike / ?

B

5 A the people / help / the policeman / ?

B

6 A the dogs / run after / the man / ?

B

Past simple and past continuous

3 ★★ Circle the correct options.

- 1 Our neighbour fell / was falling while he walked / was walking into the town.
- 2 While she looked / was looking for her bag, she found / was finding an old photo.
- 3 William didn't hear / wasn't hearing the man when he stood / was standing behind him.
- 4 We cycled / were cycling home when the storm started / was starting.
- 5 She had / was having a problem when she did / was doing her homework.
- 6 Did they sit / Were they sitting on the bus when it hit / was hitting the car?

4 ★★ Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Ann was doing her homework while her mother came into her room. when
- 2 My friend was looking at her phone as the teacher saw her.
- 3 While we were eating dinner, the cat was jumping onto the table and surprised us!
- 4 He was playing rugby when he was breaking his leg.
- 5 Weren't you answering the phone when it rang?

5 ★★ Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

leave not look not see play
stand steal take wait walk

Caught on camera!

I ¹ was waiting for a friend in the park. I ² was standing under a small tree – that's why the girl ³ wasn't looking at me. She ⁴ ran across the park quickly to where a man ⁵ was playing football with his son. The man's backpack was under a chair, and the girl ⁶ stole it when he ⁷ was walking in her direction. As the girl ⁸ ran out of the park, I ⁹ took a photo of her.

