

Grammar in Use

A Study the grammar.

Learn Past Continuous and Simple Past

Mike **was reading** a book when he **fell** asleep.

Were you **doing** your homework when I **called** you?

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

What **were** they **doing** when the bell **rang**?

They **were reading** their books.



B Circle the correct answer.

1



Jim was reading an article when the doorbell rang.

☒ T ☐ F

2



Ellie was ice skating when she saw Mia.

☐ T ☒ F

3



Were you studying when I called?
Yes, I was.

☐ T ☒ F

4



What was he doing when it started to rain?
He was skating.

☐ T ☒ F

5



Was he eating dinner when Jim called?
Yes, he was.

☐ T ☒ F

6



She was studying when the bell rang.

☐ T ☒ F

C Look and write. Use past continuous and simple past.



- 1 The robin **was hopping** on the grass
when the dog **barked**. (hop / bark)



- 2 I _____ on a bench when a
butterfly _____ on me. (sit / land)



- 3 They _____ to school when
it _____ to snow. (walk / start)



- 4 I _____ about Hawaii
when I _____ asleep. (think / fall)

D Unscramble the sentences. Then circle the past continuous verb. Underline the verb in the simple past.

- 1 was watching TV / my mother called. / when / I

- 2 she saw / to school / when / She / a kangaroo. / was walking

- 3 he fell / when / He / and hurt his knee. / was ice skating

- 4 in the park / They / to rain. / when / were walking / it started

E Answer the questions.

1



What was she doing
when it started to snow?

2



What was he doing when
his mother called?

