Bill and Maria are in Bill's garden. Use the words in brackets to make past continuous question forms for Maria, and past continuous negative forms for Bill.



BILL I saw a man in the woods last night.

MARIA What were you doing in the woods? [0] (What/you/do/in the woods?) ..... [1] (you/walk/home?)

BILL No, ... [2] (I/not/go/home.) It was almost midnight. It was raining, and I was looking for Ben, my cat. Then I saw a man.

MARIA Really? ..... [3] (What/he/do?) ..... [4] (he/jog?)

BILL No, ... [5] (he/not/run.)

MARIA Well, ... [6] (he/walk?) Did he have a dog with him?

BILL No, he didn't have a dog, and ..... [7] (he/not/walk.) He was sitting under a tree.

MARIA Really? ..... [8] (he/sleep?)

BILL No, he was watching me. His eyes were open. ..... [9] (He/not/sleep.)

MARIA Was he an old man or a young man? ..... [10] (What/he/wear?)

BILL He was young. He was wearing a very big black hat and he was holding Ben!

MARIA No! What did you do?

BILL I ran home and phoned the police. But he wasn't there when they arrived. And my cat came home about an hour later.

We use the past continuous for past activities around a particular moment; and, with the past simple, to describe interruptions or news and interesting events. Lucy is going to Africa for six months. Add these verbs in the past continuous form to the conversation:

do travel not enjoy help look for ~~work~~ get off



ABIGAIL Jay says you're going to Africa in September.

LUCY I know, Abigail. I was working [0] very hard last month at the office, as usual, but I ..... [1] my job.

ABIGAIL Oh dear. Perhaps you need a change.

LUCY That's right. Anyway, last Friday, while I ..... [2] to work on the bus, I saw a poster on the street with some pictures of elephants. People ..... [3] the bus, so I had time to read it.

ABIGAIL What did it say?

LUCY Well, they ..... [4] people to work in East Africa for six months.

ABIGAIL It's called 'Elephant Projects', isn't it? I ..... [5] the washing-up a few days ago, and I heard an interview with the director.

LUCY Really? Yes, you're right. The director ..... [6] a sick elephant one day, and he had the idea of starting 'Elephant Projects'. People go to Africa for six months, and they work on small projects.

ABIGAIL It's a great idea, Lucy. I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Jack, Olivia and Marcia are describing what they did yesterday. In each text, you need to change two verbs from the past simple to the past continuous. Cross out the verbs, and rewrite them at the end.

Jack: morning I got up at 7 a.m. as usual. The sun ~~shone~~. My dad was having a shower. I got dressed and went downstairs to have some breakfast. When I ate, the phone rang. It was Benjamin on his mobile. He ran along Green Street. He said, 'I'll be at your house in ten minutes.' I normally go to school with Benjamin. While I was waiting for him, my sister came downstairs and put the radio on.

was shining [0] ..... [1] ..... [2]

Olivia: afternoon I was working hard all morning, so I went for a walk after lunch. I walked through the park when I met Megan. She sat on the grass. We went to the library together, but it was very busy. Some students were reading, and others were working on the computers. It was very hot, too, so we didn't stay.

..... [3] ..... [4]

Marcia: evening I drove home from work at about 6.30 p.m., when I saw a small accident on the other side of the road. A car stopped quickly and another car hit it. It rained hard at the time. When I got home at about 7 p.m., my husband Oliver was making dinner in the kitchen. I told him about the accident. We had dinner and watched TV until bedtime.

..... [5] ..... [6]

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