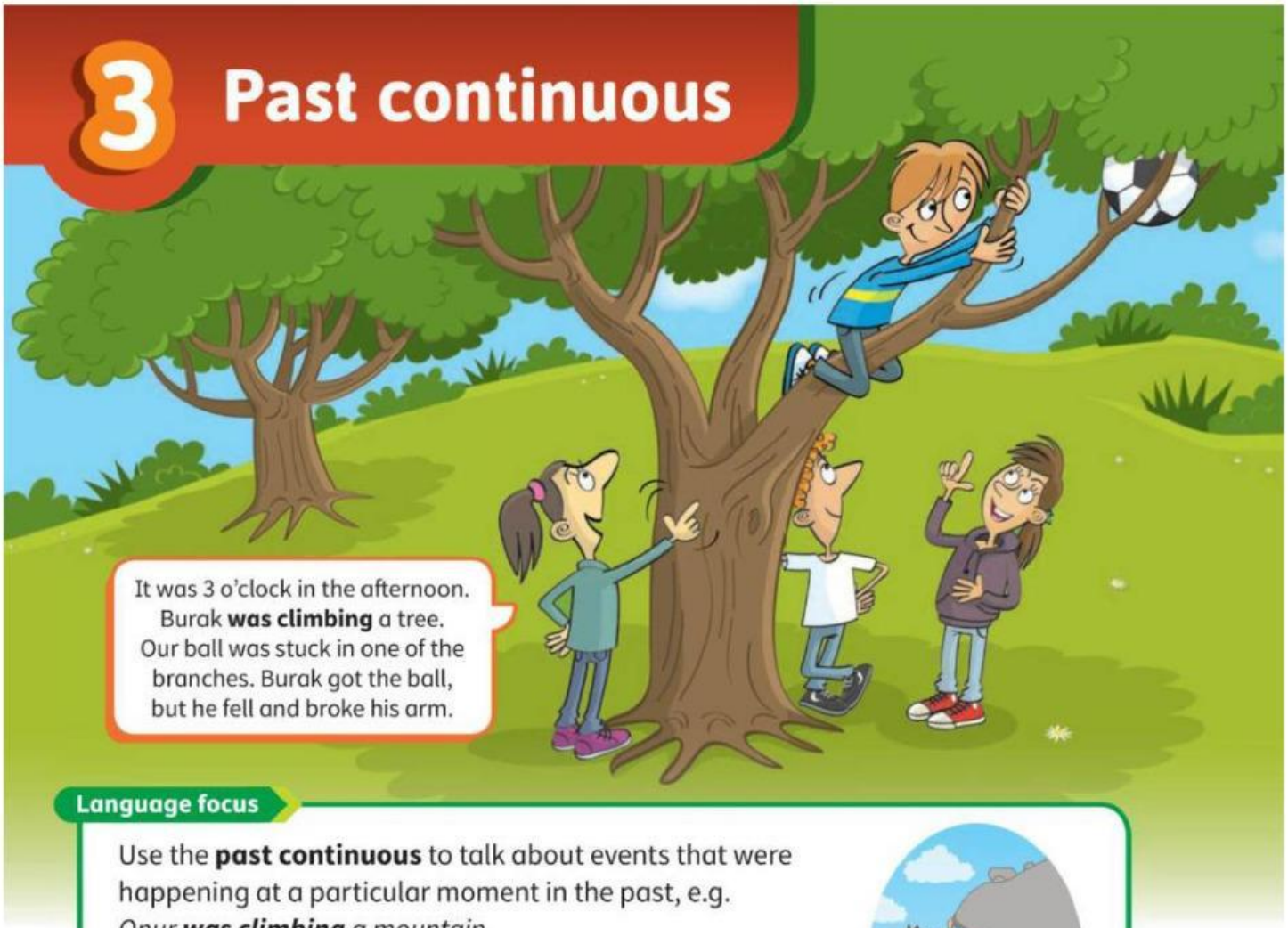
3 Past continuous



It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Burak **was climbing** a tree. Our ball was stuck in one of the branches. Burak got the ball, but he fell and broke his arm.

Language focus

Use the **past continuous** to talk about events that were happening at a particular moment in the past, e.g.
*Onur **was climbing** a mountain.*

Form the past continuous with **was** / **were** + **verb** + **ing**:

*I / he / she **was watching** a TV programme about firefighters.*

*We / you / they **were playing** football in the garden.*



1 **Circle the correct verb forms to complete the text.**

On Saturday afternoon, everyone (1) *was* / *were* doing something. My brother Pablo (2) *was* / *were* reading about the Great Fire of London. My parents (3) *was* / *were* cleaning the kitchen. My sister Lucia (4) *was* / *were* playing a computer game called *Emergency!* My cousins Maria and Gonzalo (5) *was* / *were* painting. I (6) *was* / *were* doing something too. Can you guess what it was? Yes, that's right! I (7) *was* / *were* watching what everyone else was doing!

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2 Match 1–6 with a–f.

1 I was	a chasing the cat round the garden. That's her favourite thing to do.
2 My brother was	b at home watching a TV programme about the emergency services. Grandma said it was very interesting.
3 My grandparents were	c making a web page on the internet. She's very good with technology.
4 My sisters were in	d the kitchen, making their favourite type of pizza: bananas and onion. Ugh!
5 My dog was	e sleeping. He's always tired. He works really hard in school.
6 Sarah, my best friend, was	f doing my Science homework. I didn't enjoy doing it because it was really hard!

3 Correct the verbs in sentences 1–5. Make past continuous sentences.

1 The firefighters were climb the ladder.
The firefighters were climbing the ladder.

2 The police officers were ran very quickly.
_____

3 Sara was make a sandwich.
_____

4 The paramedic were working very hard.
_____

5 My friends was watching a film about a flood.
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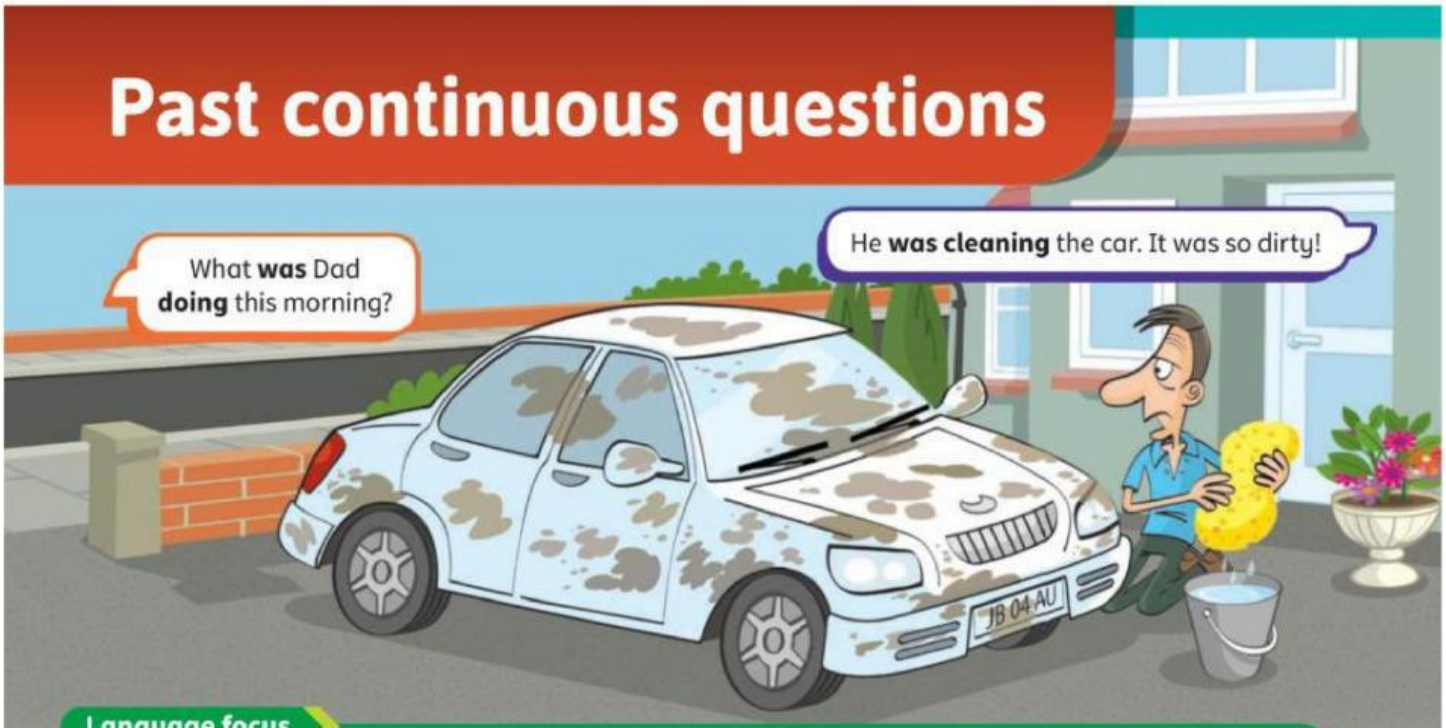


4 Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

1 On Saturday morning, I _____.
2 On Saturday afternoon, my parents _____.
3 On Saturday evening, my family _____.
4 On Sunday morning, I _____.
5 On Sunday afternoon, my friends and I _____.
6 On Sunday evening, I _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Past continuous questions



Language focus



Use **past continuous questions** to ask someone what they were doing at a particular moment in the past, e.g.

I rang you at six. You didn't answer. Were you washing up?

Yes/No questions are formed with **was** / **were** + **verb** + **ing**, e.g.

Were *we / they sleep**ing** last night?*	*Yes, we / they were.*	*No, we / they weren't.*
Was *he / she do**ing** his homework?*	*Yes, he / she was.*	*No, he / she wasn't.*

'Wh' questions are formed by putting **where**, **what**, **why**, etc., before **was** / ***were*** + **verb** + **ing**, e.g.

What *book **were** you **reading**?*	*I was reading one about history.*
Where were *your friends **going**?*	*They were going to the park to play tennis.*

1 **Rewrite the questions with the words in the correct order.**

1 you / were / what / yesterday / doing / ? What were you doing yesterday?

2 you / were / sleeping / ? _____

3 what / friend / doing / was / your / ? _____

4 was / book / she / reading / a / ? _____

5 going / you / were / where / ? _____

6 at / brother / three / doing / your / was / what / o'clock / ? _____

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2 **Complete the questions with *was* / *were* and the verbs from the box in the correct form. Then write the answers.**



play drink read run sit clean ~~eat~~

1 Was the man in the blue T-shirt cleaning the window? Yes, he was.
2 _____ the man in a red T-shirt _____ a pizza? _____
3 _____ the two women _____ water? _____
4 _____ the woman in the red dress _____ down? _____
5 _____ the police officer _____ after a man? _____
6 _____ the man with glasses _____ a book? _____

3 **Complete the questions.**

1 What / you / do / four o'clock / afternoon / Monday?
What were you doing at four o'clock in the afternoon on Monday?
2 What / you / do / six o'clock / morning / Wednesday?
_____
3 What / you / do / five o'clock / afternoon / Friday?
_____
4 What / you / do / nine o'clock / evening / Saturday?
_____
5 What / you / do / six o'clock / morning / Sunday?
_____

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