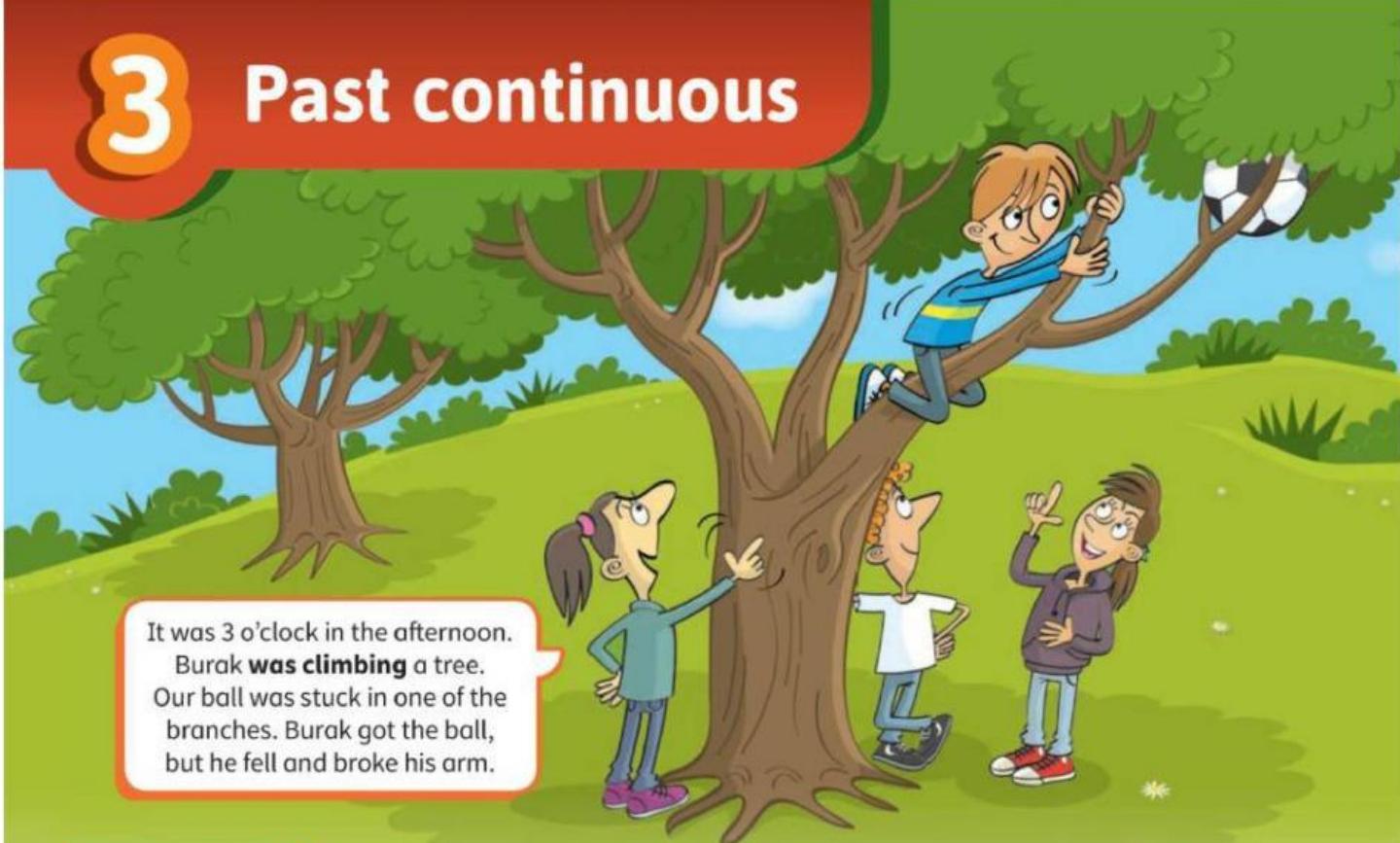


## 3

## 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!

## 2 Match 1–6 with a–f.

- 1 I was
- 2 My brother was
- 3 My grandparents were
- 4 My sisters were in
- 5 My dog was
- 6 Sarah, my best friend, was

- a chasing the cat round the garden. That's her favourite thing to do.
- b at home watching a TV programme about the emergency services. Grandma said it was very interesting.
- c making a web page on the internet. She's very good with technology.
- d the kitchen, making their favourite type of pizza: bananas and onion. Ugh!
- e sleeping. He's always tired. He works really hard in school.
- 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.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

# Past continuous questions

What **was** Dad  
doing this morning?

He **was cleaning** the car. It was so dirty!



## 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 **sleeping** last night? Yes, we / they were. No, we / they weren't.

**Was** he / she **doing** 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 / ?

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?