14 Happy memories

The past continuous
Dates and *was born*
On and *in*

The past continuous



We use the past continuous to talk about an action that was in progress at a certain time in the past.

We form the past continuous with **was/were** + past participle. For negative sentences, use **wasn't/weren't**. For questions, we use **was/were** + subject + past participle.

*I **was walking** slowly.*
*Holly **wasn't listening** to her MP3 player.*
Were** you **making** dinner?* ***Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

See page 78 for formation of the **-ing** form.

1 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets and the present continuous.

1 Judy was making (make) dinner.
2 Amy and Zoe _____ (not watch) a film at the cinema.
3 It _____ (rain) very heavily.
4 You and Jack _____ (not wait) at the bus stop.
5 I _____ (feel) very cold.
6 You _____ (tidy) your room.
7 The traffic _____ (move) very slowly.
8 William _____ (not send) an email to Jamie.
9 Oscar and I _____ (talk) about the football match.

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2 Look at the pictures. Write a negative sentence and an affirmative sentence. Use the past continuous.



Lewis and Gary / wait / at the bus stop

Lewis and Gary weren't waiting at the bus stop.
They were waiting at the cinema.



Dad / clean / the house



Mum and Sophy / make coffee



Jess / write a letter



the boys / play tennis

3 Look at exercise 2. Write questions and short answers.

1 Lewis and Gary / wait / at the bus stop
Were Lewis and Gary waiting at the bus stop? No, they weren't.

2 Dad / clean / the car

3 Mum and Sophy / make / dinner

4 Jess / write / a letter

5 the boys / play / basketball

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