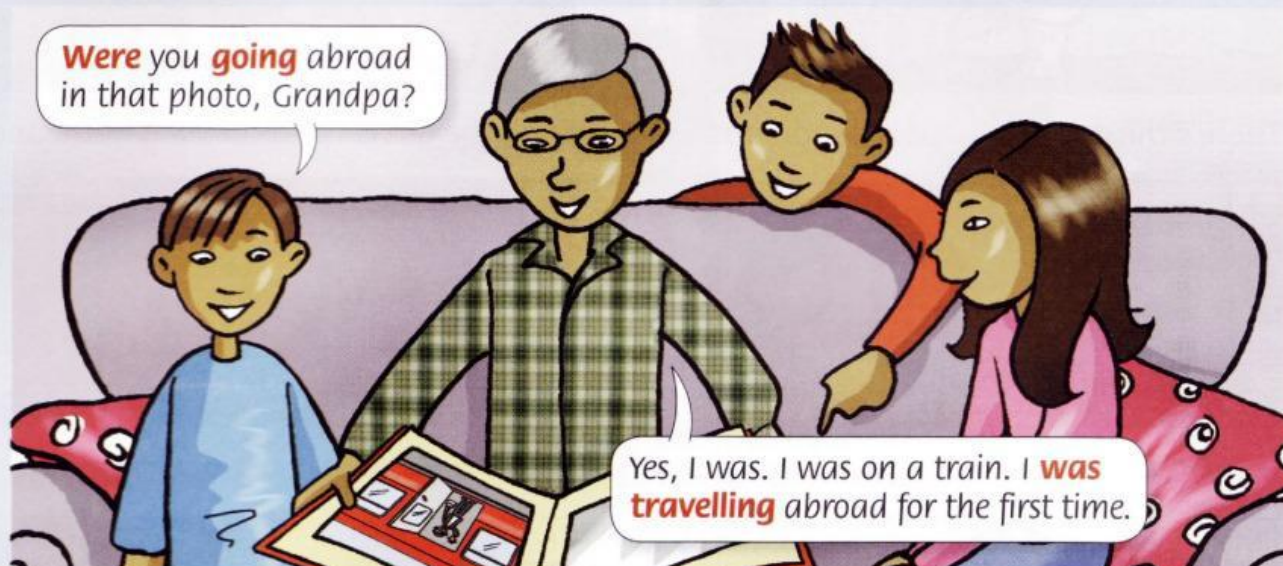


# 14 Happy memories

The past continuous  
Dates and *was born*  
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## 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.

**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