

GRAMMAR Past Continuous and Past Simple

+ I **was cycling** in the park.

She **was jumping**.

They **were playing** football.

- I **wasn't running**.

She **wasn't swimming**.

They **weren't playing** well.

? Were you **cycling**?

Yes, I **was**./No, I **wasn't**.

Was she **jumping**?

Yes, she **was**./No, she **wasn't**.

Were they **playing**?

Yes, they **were**./No, they **weren't**.

What **was** she **doing** yesterday at 5 p.m.?

Past Simple and Past Continuous

While/When/As I **was watching** the match, a dog **ran** in front of me.

I **was watching** the match **when** a dog **ran** in front of me.

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I **wasn't** / **didn't** talking to Danny when you saw me.
- 2 Jake **is** / **was** doing his homework during the lesson.
- 3 The students **were eating** / **eat** chips and salad.
- 4 **Was he** / **He was** playing well in the match?
- 5 **Was** / **Did** the teacher explaining a difficult grammar point?
- 6 You **were** having lunch when Sammy **arrived** / **was arriving**.

2 Match the sentence halves.

1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f	We were walking across the park
2 <input type="checkbox"/>	While I was eating my dinner
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	When I went downstairs
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	I fell asleep
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Jack was singing a song in the concert
6 <input type="checkbox"/>	My brother wasn't skiing
a	I dropped red sauce on my shirt.
b	when he broke his ankle.
c	Dad was cooking breakfast.
d	when he fell off the stage.
e	while I was reading my book.
f	when it started to rain.

3 Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous or the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We **were eating** (eat) dinner outside when the rain **started** (start).
- 2 The students **were doing** (do) an exercise when the bell **rang** (ring).
- 3 While I **were shopping** (shop) on Saturday I **were meeting** (meet) an old friend.
- 4 When I **were arriving** (arrive) home my sister **were watching** (watch) a film on television.
- 5 I **were not looking** (not look) when Paul **were falling** (fall) off his bicycle. I **were talking** (talk) to Marie.
- 6 What **were you doing** (you/do) when I **were phoning** (phone) you last night?

4 Complete the text with the correct past forms of the verbs below.

call chat fall go (x2) hurt look
read ride say see not see sit (x2)
start wake

A surprising meeting

When I **1 woke** up yesterday my head **2** _____, so I **3** _____ to see the doctor. I **4** _____ in the waiting room and I **5** _____ a magazine when suddenly someone **6** _____ 'Hello Pat!' I **7** _____ up and it was Terry Marsden. I last **8** _____ him five years ago at my first school! He **9** _____ down beside me and we **10** _____ chatting. Last week he **11** _____ his horse when he **12** _____ off! While we **13** _____, the doctor **14** _____ out 'Terry Marsden' and he **15** _____ in to see the doctor. I **16** _____ him later – I hope he was OK.

