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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.



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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.

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| 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.



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 _____.