

Past continuous

I can use the past continuous.

1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- Yesterday at 6 p.m. we _____ (have) dinner.
- Harry _____ (not listen) so he didn't know how to do the exercise.
- Kate _____ (lie) on the beach and Anna _____ (eat) an ice cream.
- Sam and Ryan _____ (smile) and Nancy _____ (take) a photo of them.
- Why _____ you and Zoe _____ (argue)?
- Hannah was annoyed because a man on the train _____ (talk) loudly on his mobile.
- At 1 a.m. Fred _____ still _____ (chat) with his friends on Facebook.
- My eyes were closed, but I _____ (not sleep).

2 Write sentences. Use the past continuous.

- Jake / ride / his bike
Jake was riding his bike.
- the sun / shine ?

- it / not rain

- where / he / go ?

- he / not wear / a helmet

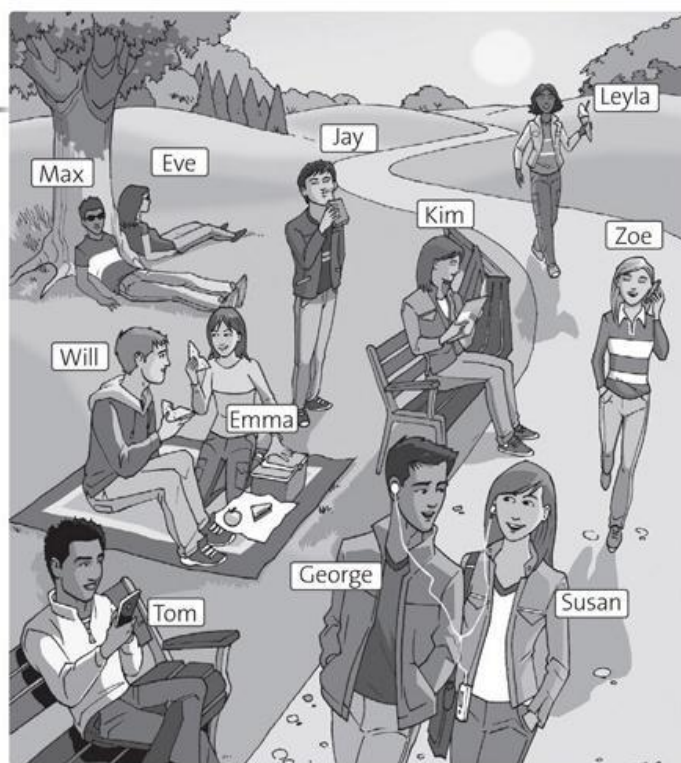
3 Complete the text with the past continuous form of the verbs below.

carry follow hurry
leave rain stand
wear not wear



When I got off the coach in London, the weather was awful.

It ¹ _____ and there was a cold wind.
A short, fat man, who ² _____ a hat and
³ _____ a small briefcase, got off after me.
It was five o'clock and lots of people ⁴ _____
work and ⁵ _____ to catch the bus or the
Underground. I ⁶ _____ a raincoat so I went
into a department store and bought a cheap umbrella.
When I came out, the short, fat man from the bus
⁷ _____ outside the department store.
⁸ _____ he _____ me?



4 What was happening at the park yesterday afternoon? Complete the sentences, using the verbs and phrases below. Use the past continuous.

eat an ice cream drink fruit juice have a picnic listen to music
phone someone read a magazine shine sunbathe text

- Tom was texting.
- Will and Emma _____.
- Kim _____.
- Max and Eve _____.
- George and Susan _____.
- Jay _____.
- Leyla _____.
- Zoe _____.
- The sun _____.

5 Write questions with *you* in the past continuous. Then write true answers.

1.30 p.m. yesterday	10.30 p.m. yesterday
on this day last year	3 a.m. this morning
7.30 p.m. yesterday	8.30 a.m. this morning

- What were you doing at 1.30 p.m. yesterday?
I was ... _____.
- _____?
- _____?
- _____?
- _____?
- _____?