

2B Past continuous

a Complete the sentences with the past continuous forms of the verbs.

- 1 A year ago, _____ (I / live) with my parents.
- 2 At nine last night, _____ (we / sleep).
- 3 A What _____ (you / do) at midnight on New Year's Eve?
B We _____ (watch) the celebrations on TV.
- 4 _____ (she / not study) when I got home, _____ (she / chat) to her friends online.
- 5 A _____ (Most people / not wear) suits for the job interview.
B What _____ (they / wear)?

b Choose the best form for each verb. There is one past simple verb and one past continuous verb in each sentence.

- 1 The Internet *stopped* / *was stopping* when I *watched* / *was watching* a film.
- 2 She *walked* / *was walking* down the street when she *saw* / *was seeing* her friend.
- 3 He *left* / *was leaving* his job when he *studied* / *was studying* for his exams.
- 4 I *did* / *was doing* some cleaning when I *heard* / *was hearing* the news on the radio.
- 5 We *felt* / *were feeling* tired when we *got* / *were getting* home.
- 6 I *didn't visit* / *wasn't visiting* Cancún when I *worked* / *was working* in Mexico.
- 7 I *wasn't looking* / *didn't look* when I *crashed* / *was crashing* my bicycle into a tree.

c Use the past continuous and the past simple of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences about each picture.

1



When I _____ down the street, I _____ ten pounds. (walk, find)

2



It _____ when she _____ the house. (rain, leave)

3



When you _____ me, I _____ dinner. (call, cook)

4



They _____ quietly when the teacher _____ back. (not work, come)