

Lesson 2A

GRAMMAR | past simple and continuous
VOCABULARY | animals
PRONUNCIATION | weak forms: was, were

VOCABULARY

animals

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- The cat's **feather** / **fur** / **trunk** was really soft.
- There was a huge spider's **shell** / **web** / **wing** near the door.
- Indian elephants have more hair on their **feathers** / **shell** / **skin** than African elephants.
- All elephants use their **fur** / **trunk** / **wings** to drink.
- The butterfly's **shells** / **webs** / **wings** were very colourful and pretty.
- The tortoise was inside its **shell** / **skin** / **trunk**.
- The bird flew away, but it left a few **feathers** / **tails** / **webs** behind.
- The dog's **skin** / **tail** / **wing** was moving up and down fast. It was happy to see me!

2 Complete the definitions with the name of an animal.

- a clever sea animal like a fish with a long grey nose: d.....
- a black and yellow flying insect that makes honey: b.....
- a small animal with long ears and soft fur and sometimes with a short white tail: r.....
- a small green animal that lives near water and uses its long legs to jump: f.....
- a large wild cat with a yellow and black body: t.....
- a long thin animal with no legs that moves along the ground: s.....
- an insect with four wings in pretty colours: b.....
- a wild animal that looks like a dog and lives in groups: w.....

GRAMMAR

past simple and continuous

3 A The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- We drive along the road when we saw a bear.
a drove b were driving c were drove
- I call for help when I saw the snake.
a were calling b called c was calling
- What do you do at 8 p.m. last night?
a were you doing b did you do c were you do
- We were swimming in the sea which we saw dolphins!
a what b while c when

B Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- Yesterday, I saw a fox in the street while I **walked** / **was walking** home.
- Max **had** / **was having** goats when he lived in the country!
- I'm sorry I **didn't hear** / **wasn't hearing** your call. I was listening to music.
- My dog **made** / **was making** friends with a cat while we **walked** / **were walking** near the park.
- When my neighbour **crossed** / **was crossing** the road, she **fell** / **was falling**, but she's fine now.
- We **found** / **were finding** a lost dog and **took** / **was taking** it to the nearest vet's.

C Complete the conversation with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- A: What ¹..... (you / do) when I called you yesterday?
- B: I ²..... (play) basketball in the park with some friends from work. Sorry I didn't answer.
- A: That's all right. I called because something strange happened to me.
- B: What?
- A: Well, I ³..... (walk) home from the supermarket when I ⁴..... (hear) an unusual noise.
- B: What was it?
- A: It was a tiny fox. It ⁵..... (lie) under a car. It was very afraid. I guess it couldn't find its mother.
- B: Oh no! What ⁶..... (you / do)?
- A: I ⁷..... (call) an animal rescue centre. They ⁸..... (come) and took it away.
- B: What happened after that?
- A: I ⁹..... (speak) to the vet at the centre this morning and she ¹⁰..... (tell) me the fox was fine.
- B: Oh, that's good.

PRONUNCIATION

4 A 2.01 | weak forms: was, were | Listen and complete the questions with the words you hear.

- Where basketball?
- Who to?
- What you?
- Who about?
- Why a bus?
- What early this morning?

B 2.01 | Listen again and repeat the sentences.