

Past continuous

- 1 Complete the messages with the past continuous form of the verbs below.

do eat laugh make not feel not play
sit work

Freya

Here's a photo from our trip to the beach last year! It was my birthday – do you remember? We all look relaxed and happy in it. We ¹ were sitting on our towels and we ² made some birthday cake – all except my little brother, Ollie. He didn't have any cake because he ³ wasn't feeling very hungry. That's unusual for him!

REPLY SEND

Alex

Yes – I remember that day! There were some annoying people near us! They started a volleyball match, but they ⁴ were playing carefully and their ball went into your birthday cake! They ⁵ were talking loudly and they ⁶ were making a lot of noise, too – but they soon disappeared. Why isn't your older sister in the photo? What ⁷ was she doing? ⁸ Was she at the hospital that day? It's your birthday next month. Let's go to the beach again!

REPLY SEND

- 2 Answer the questions. Write two or three complete sentences for each question. Use the affirmative or negative past continuous.

- 1 What were you doing this time last week?

I was making a video with my friends from the school drama club. We weren't making it at school, we were filming it in our local park.

- 2 What were you wearing yesterday?

I was wearing a blue shirt and black trousers.

- 3 What were you studying in your first lesson this morning?

I was studying English.

- 4 What were you doing last Saturday morning?

I was sitting on the sofa and watching TV.

Past continuous and past simple

- 3 Write sentences and questions using the past simple and past continuous.

- 1 while we / walk in the mountains / we / discover an old castle

While we were walking in the mountains, we discovered an old castle.

- 2 while I / sit in the park / some of my friends / appear

While I was sitting in the park, some of my friends appeared.

- 3 it / rain / when / I / wake up / this morning

It was raining when I woke up this morning.

- 4 while / Dan / walk to the sports centre / he find a phone

While Dan was walking to the sports centre, he found a phone.

- 5 when / I see them / they talk / to Sam and Emma

When I saw them, they were talking to Sam and Emma.

- 6 I / not concentrate / when / I fall off my bike

I wasn't concentrating when I fell off my bike.

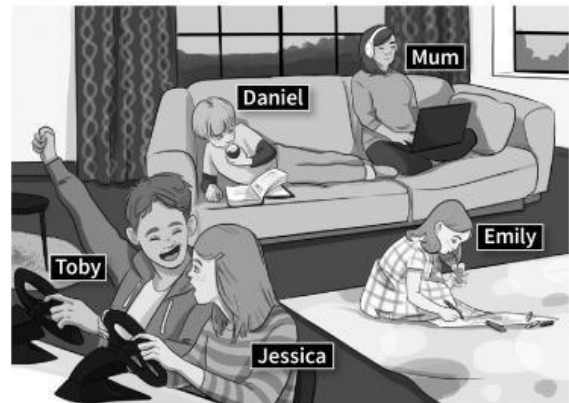
- 7 Ava / do / her homework / when / I / call

Ava was doing her homework when I called.

- 8 you / lose the football / while / you / play / in the garden

You were playing in the garden when you lost the football.

- 4 Look at the picture. Write three more past continuous sentences using *as*.



As Daniel was eating an apple, he was reading a book.

As Mum was working on her laptop, she was talking to Daniel.

As Toby was playing with his toy car, he was laughing.

As Jessica was reading a book, she was writing in her notebook.

For me, these exercises were ... ☐ easy ☐ OK ☐ difficult