

Past continuous

1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

1 were / in / painting / our / We / pictures / colourful / class / art / morning / this
We were painting colourful pictures in our art class this morning.

2 teacher / Our / walking / the / around / room / was _____.

3 concentrating / Everybody / hard / was _____.

4 wasn't / talking / friend / my / to / I _____.

5 noise / weren't / any / making / They _____.

6 painting / you / picture / a / Were / of / sister / your _____?

7 next / sitting / to / Was / Nerea / you _____?

2 Write questions with the past continuous. Then write answers that are true for you.

1 you / study / late last night
Were you studying late last night?
No, I wasn't.

2 you / watch a film / at eight o'clock / yesterday evening
 _____?

3 your friend / message you / after school yesterday
 _____?

4 it / rain / early this morning
 _____?

5 your friends / wear jeans / today
 _____?

6 you / have breakfast / at half past seven / this morning
 _____?

Past continuous and past simple

3 Complete the sentences with the past continuous or the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 We _____ saw _____ (see) a beautiful bird while we _____ were sitting _____ (sit) in the park.

2 I _____ (not feel) well when I _____ (wake up) this morning.

3 Maya _____ (lose) her new phone while she _____ (run) to school.

4 When we _____ (take) that photo, you _____ (not look) at the camera.

5 Where _____ (your friends / go) when you _____ (meet) them in the street?

6 _____ (Dad / work) when I _____ (phone) earlier?

4 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Student finds old painting in sofa

One day, a young German student¹ _____ a market in Berlin. The people at the market were very busy that day – they² _____ a lot of old furniture. While the student³ _____ at this furniture, she⁴ _____ a nice sofa-bed and she⁵ _____ it for 150 euros. At home, while she⁶ _____ the sofa-bed, she suddenly⁷ _____ a very small Italian painting inside. It came from the 17th century. She later⁸ _____ the painting for 19,200 euros!

1 a were visiting	b was visiting	c wasn't visiting
2 a were selling	b was selling	c weren't selling
3 a looked	b were looking	c was looking
4 a found	b was finding	c were finding
5 a were buying	b bought	c was buying
6 a were opening	b opened	c was opening
7 a saw	b was seeing	c were seeing
8 a was selling	b were selling	c sold

5 Write sentences using *as* and the past continuous.

1 I / read my book / I / listen to music

As I was reading my book, I was listening to music.

2 we / play basketball / we / laugh

3 my dad / make dinner / he / talk to me

4 they / take a selfie / they / smile

5 Sofia / have lunch / she / look at her phone

6 I / brush my teeth / I / look in the mirror

7 you / walk to school / it / rain

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