

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

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

- 1 I was working (work) all afternoon yesterday.
- 2 Yolanda was making (make) sandwiches for our picnic.
- 3 My brother wasn't sleeping (not sleep) in front of the TV.
- 4 We were sitting (sit) in the car.
- 5 Clara was looking (look) for her phone.
- 6 They weren't shopping (not shop) this morning.

2   Look at the photos and correct the sentences. Use the past continuous.



- 1 She was playing football.  
She wasn't playing football. She was playing tennis.
- 2 They were texting.

- 3 He was sleeping.

- 4 We were sitting on the bus.

3   Complete the email with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

feel have jump listen not dance play sleep

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Hi Irina,

Happy New Year! I hope you <sup>1</sup> were having fun at midnight last night. I was at a party, and a DJ <sup>2</sup>



my favourite songs. I <sup>3</sup> to the music, but I <sup>4</sup> - I

<sup>5</sup> really tired. :/ My friends <sup>6</sup> up and down on the dance floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell me that you <sup>7</sup> ! :)

Write back soon!

Jessie

4    Look at the picture and complete the story with suitable verbs in the past continuous. There may be more than one possibility.

I had an interesting dream last night.

I <sup>1</sup> was sitting in a winter garden. Everything was white because it <sup>2</sup>



<sup>3</sup> and I was very cold because I <sup>4</sup>

<sup>5</sup> winter clothes. A big brown bear <sup>6</sup>

<sup>7</sup> in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked

angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I <sup>8</sup>

afraid at all. I <sup>9</sup>

nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear <sup>10</sup>

to me! Then suddenly the bear <sup>11</sup>

a guitar and singing! In the end, I <sup>12</sup>

started to get angry with the bear. Then I woke up!