

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

● ● ●

Hi Irina,

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



was playing my favourite songs. ³ I was listening to the music, but I ⁴ was feeling - I ⁵

was really tired. :(My friends ⁶ were jumping up and down on the dance floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell me that you ⁷ were sleeping! :)

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 ¹ was sitting in a winter garden. Everything was white because it ²



³ was wearing winter clothes. A big brown bear ⁴

⁵ was standing in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I ⁶

⁷ was talking nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear ⁸ was shouting to me! Then suddenly the bear ⁹ was playing a guitar and singing! In the end, I started to get angry with the bear. Then I woke up!