

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

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

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

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



- She was playing football.  
She wasn't playing football. She was playing tennis.
- They were texting.  
They were sitting at a table.
- He was sleeping.  
He was sleeping.
- We were sitting on the bus.  
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 <sup>1</sup> were having fun at midnight last night. I was at a party, and a DJ



<sup>2</sup> was playing my favourite songs. I <sup>3</sup> was dancing to the music, but I <sup>4</sup> wasn't feeling - I <sup>5</sup> was really tired. :( My friends <sup>6</sup> were jumping up and down on the dance floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell me that you <sup>7</sup> weren't listening! :)  
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> wasn't wearing and I was very cold because I <sup>3</sup> wasn't wearing winter clothes. A big brown bear

<sup>4</sup> was sitting in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I <sup>5</sup> wasn't afraid at all. I <sup>6</sup> was nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear <sup>7</sup> wasn't listening to me! Then suddenly the bear <sup>8</sup> was playing a guitar and singing! In the end <sup>9</sup> wasn't listening to me! Then suddenly the bear <sup>10</sup> was playing a guitar and singing! In the end