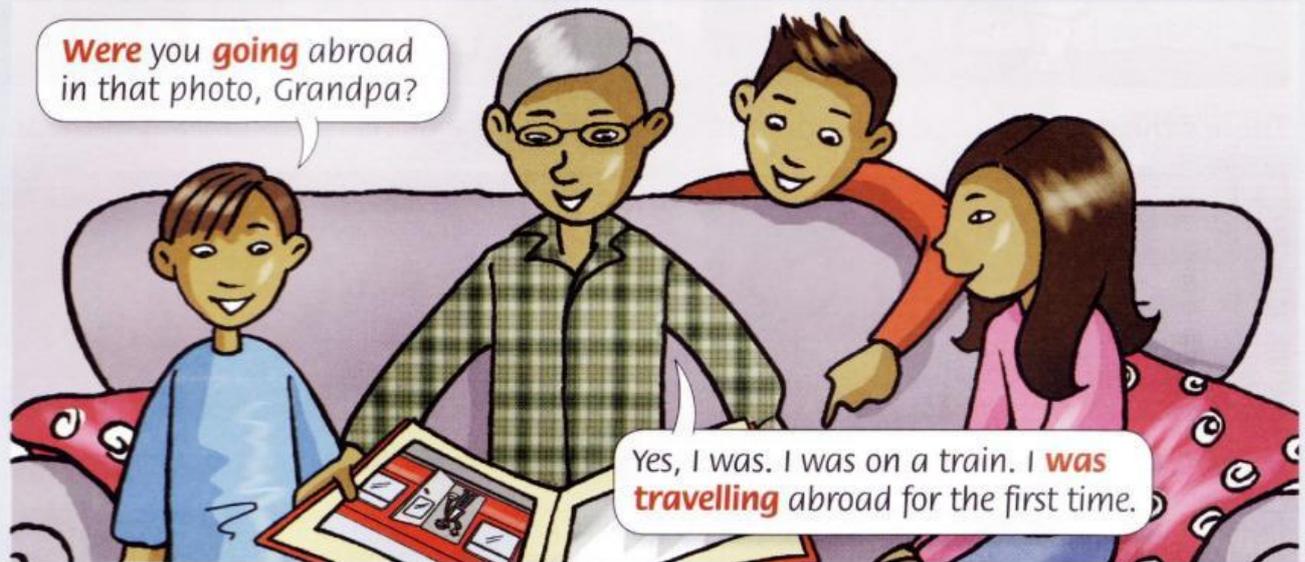


14 Happy memories

The past continuous
Dates and *was born*
On and in

The past continuous



We use the past continuous to talk about an action that was in progress at a certain time in the past.

We form the past continuous with **was/were** + past participle. For negative sentences, use **wasn't/weren't**. For questions, we use **was/were** + subject + past participle.

I was walking slowly.

Holly wasn't listening to her MP3 player.

Were you making dinner? Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.

See page 78 for formation of the **-ing** form.

1 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets and the present continuous.

- Judy was making (make) dinner.
- Amy and Zoe _____ (not watch) a film at the cinema.
- It _____ (rain) very heavily.
- You and Jack _____ (not wait) at the bus stop.
- I _____ (feel) very cold.
- You _____ (tidy) your room.
- The traffic _____ (move) very slowly.
- William _____ (not send) an email to Jamie.
- Oscar and I _____ (talk) about the football match.

2 Look at the pictures. Write a negative sentence and an affirmative sentence. Use the past continuous.



1 Lewis and Gary / wait / at the bus stop

Lewis and Gary weren't waiting at the bus stop.

They were waiting at the cinema.



2 Dad / clean / the house



3 Mum and Sophy / make coffee



4 Jess / write a letter



5 the boys / play tennis

3 Look at exercise 2. Write questions and short answers.

1 Lewis and Gary / wait / at the bus stop

Were Lewis and Gary waiting at the bus stop? No, they weren't.

2 Dad / clean / the car

3 Mum and Sophy / make / dinner

4 Jess / write / a letter

5 the boys / play / basketball

Dates and was born



The way we talk about dates when speaking is different from the way we write dates.

We say *the sixth of May*. We write *6th May*.

For a list of ordinal numbers, see page 79.

Use **was born** with I/he/she/it. Use **were born** with you/we/you/they.

*Grandpa **was born** on 12th February 1952.*

*The twins **were born** on 21st April 1991.*

On and in

With dates and days of the week, use **on**.

***on** 20th March, **on** 7th December 2010, **on** Saturday, **on** 29th September*

With years and months, use **in**.

***in** 1969, **in** May*

4 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 We're going on holiday **on** / **in** July.
- 2 Did your sister leave school **in** / **on** 1995?
- 3 We first had electricity in our village **on** / **in** 20th May 1935.
- 4 Gustave Eiffel built the Eiffel Tower **on** / **in** 1889.
- 5 My nephew's going to live in America **in** / **on** May this year.
- 6 Do you think there will be cars **in** / **on** 2050?
- 7 We got married **on** / **in** Saturday 6th May 2000.
- 8 People from Europe first arrived in America **in** / **on** 1620 **in** / **on** 21st November.

5 Look at the table. Complete the sentences. Use **was born on** and a date.

- When was Mr Dixon born ?
Mr Dixon was born on 1st February 1973 .
- When _____ Mrs Dixon _____ ?
Mrs Dixon _____ .
- When _____ Fin and Jasper _____ ?
Fin and Jasper _____ .
- When _____ Angela _____ ?
Angela _____ .
- When _____ Grandpa _____ ?
Grandpa _____ .
- When _____ Grandma _____ ?
Grandma _____ .

Mr Dixon	1st January 1971
Mrs Dixon	14th February 1973
Fin	30th May 2000
Jasper	30th May 2000
Angela	21st September 2003
Grandpa	7th March 1953
Grandma	5th May 1954

6 Look at Polly's calendar. Complete the sentences.

September						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1st <i>Jack starts new job</i>	2nd	3rd	4th <i>10.30 Dentist (Max)</i>	5th	6th
7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th <i>visit Tina</i>
14th	15th	16th <i>Kate staying</i>	17th	18th	19th <i>Poppy's party</i>	20th
21st <i>Poppy's birthday</i>	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
28th	29th	30th				

Mum and Dad's wedding anniversary

- Jack is starting his new job on 1st September .
- Max is going to the dentist _____ .
- I'm going to visit Tina _____ .
- Kate is going to stay with me _____ .
- Poppy's party is _____ .
- Poppy's birthday is _____ .
- Mum and Dad's wedding anniversary is _____ .