

Language focus — PAST CONTINUOUS

1 Match the two columns.

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| 1 I was walking my dog | a) my sister started playing the drums. |
| 2 I broke my leg | b) while I was playing football. |
| 3 Someone broke our window | c) when a cyclist knocked me down. |
| 4 While I was doing my homework, | d) when we were having breakfast. |

2 Choose the correct form.

- 1 I **was walking**/walked down the street when I **was seeing**/saw an accident.
- 2 I **was breaking**/broke a glass when I **was washing**/washed it.
- 3 I **was waiting**/waited for a bus when you **was phoning**/phoned me.

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the *past continuous* tense.

- 1 While I was going to school this morning, I _____ (think) about the maths test.
- 2 I _____ (do) my homework at 10 last night.
- 3 My sister broke her leg while she _____ (ski).
- 4 When I got to the party, all my friends _____ (dance).
- 5 While Jane was cleaning her room, her brothers _____ (play).

4 Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past continuous tense.

- 1 Anna _____ (save) her little cousin when she _____ (drown) in the swimming pool.
- 2 When Sarah _____ (see) her friend, she _____ (lie) unconscious on the floor.
- 3 Christina _____ (save) her mum and sister who _____ (sleep) when the fire _____ (start).
- 4 When Boris _____ (see) his little neighbour, he _____ (run) across the road.