

Language focus – PAST CONTINUOUS

1 Match the two columns.

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.