PAST CONTINUOUS

GRAMMAR PRACTICE

1 **What were you doing yesterday at this time? Use the prompts to write full sentences**

a. I / read a book _____

b. My father / watch TV _____

c. My sister / do her homework _____

d. My mother / cook _____

e. My brothers / play video games _____

e. My cats / sleep _____

2 **Put the words in order to form negative sentences and questions**

a. was / Tom / eating pizza / not _____

b. you / reading / were / what / ? _____

c. cleaning / wasn't / my sister _____

d. weren't / my parents / sleeping _____

e. snowing / ? / it / was / yesterday _____

f. listening /weren't / why / ? / they _____

3 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets**

a. Sam _____ (study). He _____ (watch) TV.

b. Sarah _____ (read) her favorite book.

c. What _____ you _____ (do) at the park yesterday?

d. I _____ (not walk) my dog. I _____ (train).

e. They _____ (not sleep). They _____ (talk).

f. _____ you _____ (listen) to the teacher when she explained?

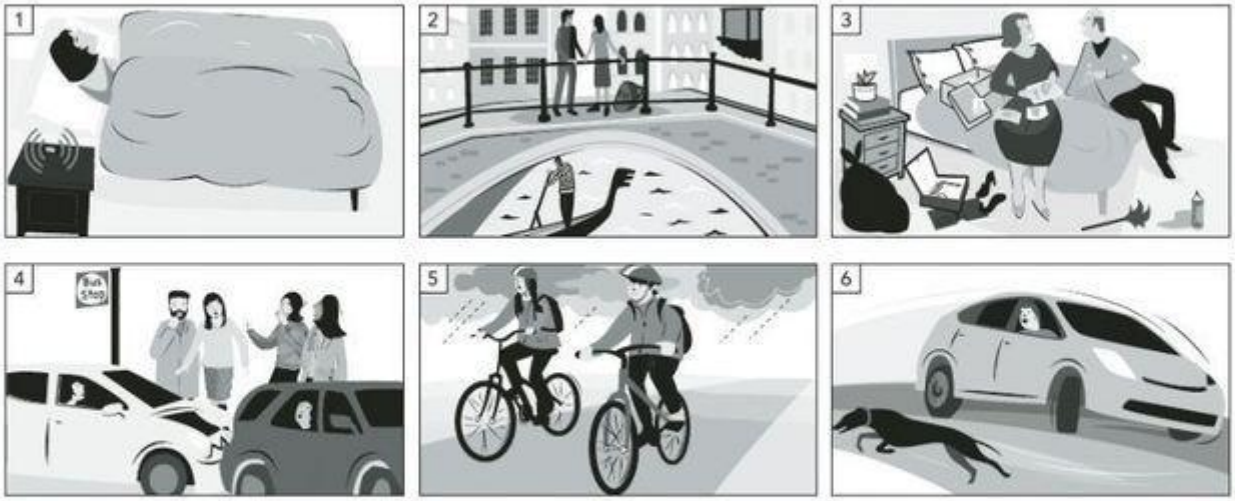
g. I took an umbrella because it _____ (rain) heavily.

h. I _____ (have) dinner when my father arrived last night.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2B GRAMMAR past continuous

a Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the past simple and past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



1 I *was sleeping* when you *sent* me the message. (sleep, send)
2 Susan _____ around Italy when she _____ her boyfriend. (travel, meet)
3 We _____ some old photos when we _____ the house. (find, clean)
4 They _____ for the bus when they _____ the accident. (wait, see)
5 It _____ to rain when they _____ to school. (start, cycle)
6 A dog _____ into the road when I _____ home. (run, drive)

b Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Last summer, I [1] *was living* (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I [2] _____ (wake up) early, and it [3] _____ (be) a beautiful day. The sun [4] _____ (shine), and I [5] _____ (feel) really happy. I [6] _____ (not need) to go to work that day, so I [7] _____ (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends [8] _____ (work) and my girlfriend [9] _____ (visit) her parents, so I [10] _____ (go) to the beach alone. When I [11] _____ (arrive), the beach [12] _____ (be) already crowded. A lot of people [13] _____ (sunbathe), children [14] _____ (play) games and people [15] _____ (swim) in the sea. Everyone [16] _____ (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I [17] _____ (put) my things down on the beach, and then I [18] _____ (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man [19] _____ (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I [20] _____ (not can) see anything, but then I [21] _____ (see) a big shark. Luckily, it [22] _____ (not attack) anyone and [23] _____ (swim) away quickly. I [24] _____ (not stay) at the beach after that, and I [25] _____ (go) home without going surfing!

ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the sentences in **a** and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2B

Grammar

Past continuous

I can use the past continuous.

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

1 Yesterday at 6 p.m. we _____ (have) dinner.
2 Harry _____ (not listen) so he didn't know how to do the exercise.
3 Kate _____ (lie) on the beach and Anna _____ (eat) an ice cream.
4 Sam and Ryan _____ (smile) and Nancy _____ (take) a photo of them.
5 Why _____ you and Zoe _____ (argue)?
6 Hannah was annoyed because a man on the train _____ (talk) loudly on his mobile.
7 At 1 a.m. Fred _____ still _____ (chat) with his friends on Facebook.
8 My eyes were closed, but I _____ (not sleep).

2 Write sentences. Use the past continuous.

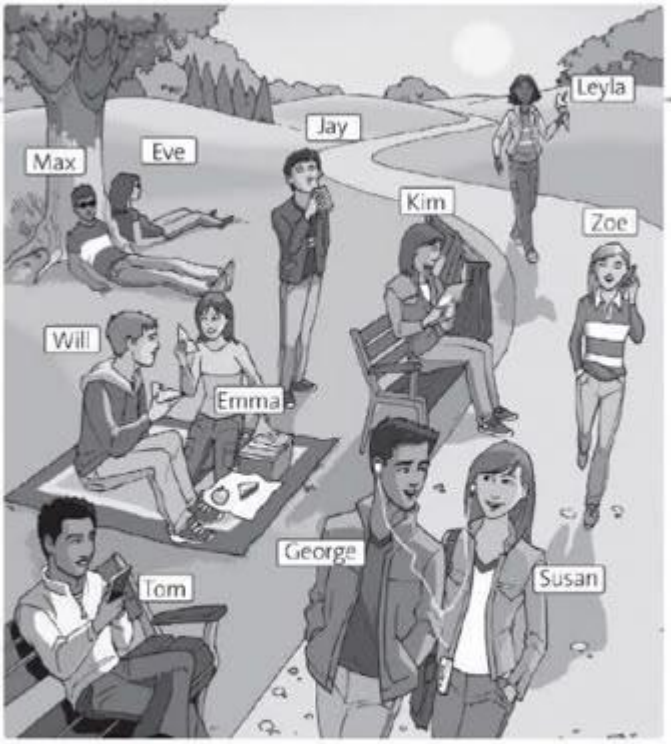
1 Jake / ride / his bike
Jake was riding his bike.
2 the sun / shine ?
_____
3 it / not rain
_____
4 where / he / go ?
_____
5 he / not wear / a helmet
_____

3 Complete the text with the past continuous form of the verbs below.

carry follow hurry leave rain stand wear not wear



When I got off the coach in London, the weather was awful. It [1] _____ and there was a cold wind. A short, fat man, who [2] _____ a hat and [3] _____ a small briefcase, got off after me. It was five o'clock and lots of people [4] _____ work and [5] _____ to catch the bus or the Underground. I [6] _____ a raincoat so I went into a department store and bought a cheap umbrella. When I came out, the short, fat man from the bus [7] _____ outside the department store. [8] _____ he _____ me?



4 What was happening at the park yesterday afternoon? Complete the sentences, using the verbs and phrases below. Use the past continuous.

eat an ice cream drink fruit juice have a picnic listen to music phone someone read a magazine shine sunbathe text

1 Tom was texting.
2 Will and Emma _____.
3 Kim _____.
4 Max and Eve _____.
5 George and Susan _____.
6 Jay _____.
7 Leyla _____.
8 Zoe _____.
9 The sun _____.

5 Write questions with *you* in the past continuous. Then write true answers.

1.30 p.m. yesterday 10.30 p.m. yesterday
on this day last year 3 a.m. this morning
7.30 p.m. yesterday 8.30 a.m. this morning

1 What were you doing at 1.30 p.m. yesterday?
I was ... _____.
2 _____?
_____.
3 _____?
_____.
4 _____?
_____.
5 _____?
_____.
6 _____?
_____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS



Past Continuous



Past Continuous Affirmative

we use "be"(past) + "ing" verbs

I was running fast.
She was doing homework.
He was watching TV.
It was snowing.
They were exercising.
We were playing soccer.
You were laughing.

Past Continuous Negative

we use "be" (past) +"not" + "ing" verbs

I was not running fast.
She was not doing homework.
He was not watching TV.
It was not snowing.
They were not exercising.
We were not playing soccer.
You were not laughing.

Past Continuous Question

We use "be" (past) followed by "Pronoun or subject"

Was I running fast?
Was she doing homework?
Was he watching TV?
Was it snowing?
Were they exercising?
Were we playing soccer?
Were you laughing?

A. Fill in the blanks with "was" or "were".

1) Jane _____ doing homework.
2) We_____ eating cookies.
3) The dog _____ barking.
4) Mom _____ cooking dinner.
5) The boys _____ playing baseball
6) Dad _____ watching TV.
7) It _____ raining outside.
8) The baby _____ crying.
9) The girls _____ listening to music.
10) I _____ taking a photo.
11) They _____ running.
12) You _____studying at home.

B. Write the correct "ing" verb in the blank.

1.John was _____ coffee (drink) .
2.They were _____ (read).
3.We were _____ for Easter eggs (hunt).
4.Mom was _____ (exercise).
5. I was _____ Easter eggs (paint).
6.The children were _____ TV (watch).
7.You were _____ to Kate (talk).
8.The dog was _____ the cat (chase).
9.The cat was _____ (run).
10.It was _____ outside(snow).

C. Negative form. Fill in blanks with "was/ were /not" and/or an "ing"verb"

1. The dog was not _____ (bark).
2. I _____ not eating candy.
3. They were not _____ (laugh).
4. It _____ _____ _____ (snow).
5. We were _____ _____ TV(watch).
6. We were _____ painting Easter eggs.
7. You _____ _____ _____(listen).
8. She _____ _____ _____ homework (do).
9. Kate and John _____ not eating dinner.
10. The dog _____ _____ _____ the cat (chase).

D. Make a question.

Fill in the blank with "be" and an "ing" verb

1._____ they _____ dinner? (eat)
2. _____ I _____ to music? (listen)
3._____ it _____? (snow)
4._____ we_____ TV? (watch)
5. _____you_____Easter eggs? (paint)
6._____ she _____homework ? (do)
7. _____ the dog_____ ?(bark)
8._____ she _____ a photo ?(take)
9._____he _____soccer?(play)
10_____Kate and John _____ fast?(run)

LIVEWORKSHEETS