

## SPEAKING

### Describing a past event

- 1 When was the last time you watched a sports event (in person or on TV) or took part in one? What was it?
- 2 Listen to Max and Rachel talking about sports. Who took part in an event? Who watched one?
  - 1 Who took part in an event?
  - 2 Who watched one?
- 3 Read the *Prepare to speak* box. Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs. Then listen again and check.
  - 1 Manchester City \_\_\_\_\_ (win) for most of the game.
  - 2 Real Madrid \_\_\_\_\_ (score) two goals in the last five minutes.
  - 3 Lots of people \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the competition.
  - 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) third in one race.



### PREPARE TO SPEAK

#### Describing a past event

When you describe a past event:

- use the past simple to talk about the main things that happened
- use the past continuous to talk about actions in progress
- add your opinion: *It was an amazing ...*, *It was really exciting*, *It was the best ... ever*, *It was so cool*, *I really enjoyed ...*
- add reasons for your opinion: *because ...*

- 4 Listen to the whole recording again. Which phrase from the *Prepare to speak* box do they *not* use?



### PREPARE TO SPEAK

#### Describing a past event

When you describe a past event:

- use the past simple to talk about the main things that happened
- use the past continuous to talk about actions in progress
- add your opinion:
  - It was an amazing ...*
  - It was really exciting*,
  - It was the best ... ever*
  - It was so cool*
  - I really enjoyed ...*
- add reasons for your opinion: *because ...*

**5** Complete the reasons that Max and Rachel give. Listen again to check.

- 1 I was very happy because ...
- 2 I really enjoyed taking part because ...

**6** Think about a recent sports event. Read the questions and plan your answers.

- 1 What was the event and when was it?
- 2 Did you watch it or take part in it?
- 3 What happened during the event?
- 4 What was the final result?
- 5 Did you enjoy it? Why? / Why not?

**7** Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 6. Use the past simple and past continuous, and use phrases from the *Prepare to speak* box.

**GRAMMAR**

**Past continuous**

**1** Complete the sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't* or *weren't*.

- 1 The man \_\_\_\_\_ walking to work because it was a lovely day.
- 2 What \_\_\_\_\_ you doing last night when I tried to call you?
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ studying really hard last night.
- 4 The boys \_\_\_\_\_ playing tennis – it was volleyball!
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ you watching TV at 8 pm last night?
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ your sister doing at lunchtime?
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ playing on your computer yesterday. I was out on my bike.
- 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ listening to you – can you say it again, please?

**2** Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 when / computer / was / games / rang / phone / Chris / the / playing  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 you / visiting / texted / Were / I / grandparents / you? / your / when  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 arms / cat / I / when / from / it / jumped / the / carrying / my / was  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 bedroom / found / I / cleaning / diary / was / my / when / old / my / I  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 hockey / We / rained / going / match / were / the / but / to / it / watch  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 exams / music / while / listening / revising / to / for / They / their / were  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 talking / Were / Peter / maths / the / you / about / to / test?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 was / you / thinking / called / you / when / I / about / just  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a On her way home, she saw a deer that is standing beside the road eating grass.  
b On her way home, she saw a deer that was standing beside the road eating grass.
- 2 a I was planing to have a picnic on Saturday.  
b I was planning to have a picnic on Saturday.
- 3 a He was playing basketball alone.  
b He was play basketball alone.
- 4 a I first met him at primary school, while we was playing football.  
b I first met him at primary school, while we were playing football.
- 5 a I was studying at her school until last year, but then I moved.  
b I was studing at her school until last year, but then I moved.

### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 John \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea when he saw a dolphin. (swim)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ a film when my sister arrived. (watch)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ to the sports centre when I saw you yesterday? (go)
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ to make you feel bad! (not try)
- 5 When I went into the classroom, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ for me. (wait)
- 6 The DJ \_\_\_\_\_ some great music at the party. (play)
- 7 Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ during the comedy show. (laugh)
- 8 Dave \_\_\_\_\_ in New Zealand when he passed his driving test. (live)
- 9 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ his homework when Mum phoned. (do)
- 10 Helen \_\_\_\_\_ for a big tennis competition yesterday. (prepare)