GRAMMAR Past continuous

1 Look at the picture and correct the sentences below.



0 Mr and Mrs Roberts were eating pizza.

They weren't eating pizza. They were making pizza.

1 Caitlin was doing her homework.

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2 Jack was playing the piano.

_____

3 Toby was reading a magazine.

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4 Chloe and Harry were playing football.

_____

5 Grandma Roberts was standing up.

_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Write questions in the past continuous.

0 Michael / watch / TV last night / ?

Was Michael watching TV last night?

1 he / help / his / parents / ?

_____

2 Tia and Karl / swim / in the sea / ?

_____

3 they / do / their homework / ?

_____

4 your friend / play / volleyball / ?

_____

5 you / read / a book / ?

_____

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3 Complete the short answers.

0 Was Mia doing her homework last night?

Yes, *she was*.

1 Were Katie and Alex having lunch at 2 o'clock?

No, _____ .

2 Were you reading a book in class today?

Yes, _____ .

3 Was Mrs Brown writing on the board?

No, _____ .

4 Were they sleeping at midnight?

Yes, _____ .

5 Was William eating an ice cream?

No, _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Correct the mistakes in three of the sentences. Which two are correct?

1 I was enjoying my birthday party last week.

_____

2 What were you doing yesterday at 4 pm?

3 I went to the cinema yesterday.

_____

4 I liked it because was playing my favourite team.

_____

5 When we were on holiday, we were swimming every day.

_____

1 Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't* to make the past continuous.

1 Last night I ..*was*.. reading in bed until late.
2 We ..... swimming yesterday on the island.
3 My dad ..... working. He was on holiday.
4 My sister ..... skiing because it was too hot.
5 It was sunny so my friends ..... playing football.
6 ..... you eating last night?

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2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the *-ing* form to make the past continuous.

1 Were you ___playing___ football at 5 pm last Saturday? Yes, I was. (play)

2 I usually study on Sunday but last Sunday I was _____ TV. (watch)

3 What were your friends _____ yesterday? I didn't see them anywhere on the island. (do)

4 We were _____ last weekend on the mountain in the snow. (ski)

5 The party was excellent. I was _____ my red dress and everybody loved it. (wear)

6 The water was cold. Jo wasn't _____. (swim)

3 Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences and question.

1 Last weekend we were skiing while ___C___

2 My sister was helping me tidy the house _____

3 What were you doing yesterday _____

4 I was afraid because we _____

5 The teacher said she was _____

6 It was very sunny so we weren't _____

A copying in the exam!

B so she didn't go to the cinema.

C my sister was snowboarding.

D were climbing a very high mountain.

E walking fast.

F when I saw you in the shopping centre?

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4 Circle the correct option, *A*, *B* or *C*.

1 Last summer I hurt my leg when I was _____.

A run **B** running **C** ran

2 My teachers _____ correcting our exams all day yesterday.

A were **B** was **C** to

3 He wasn't swimming. He was _____ in the field!

A walk **B** to walk **C** walking

4 Were you _____ mountains last weekend?

A climb **B** climbed **C** climbing

5 They were eating and _____ all night at the party.

A dance **B** dancing **C** danced

6 We _____ skiing yesterday because there was no snow.

A aren't **B** weren't **C** wasn't

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