

# 1.3 Grammar

## Past Continuous and Past Simple

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1 Look at the picture. What were the Clark family doing at 5 p.m. yesterday? Complete the text with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.



Mr and Mrs Clark and their children

<sup>1</sup>were enjoying (enjoy) the warm summer weather. Mrs Clark <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (relax). She <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not cook). Mr Clark <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) hot because he <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) next to the barbecue. Olivia and Bruce <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not swim). They <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) next to the pool. The Clarks' dog, Spike, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) and Winnie the cat <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to eat a sausage.

2 Complete the dialogue with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

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Marge: Where were you and Mac this morning, Eva? I <sup>1</sup>was looking for you, but you <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your phones.

Eva: Sorry, Marge! I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ some old books about Egyptian History at the library.

Marge: Was Mac at the library too?

Eva: No, he wasn't. He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Pops in the garage, so he didn't hear the phone.

Marge: What <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in there?

Eva: They <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the car for our next adventure.

Marge: How exciting! Where are you going?

Eva: I can't tell you, Marge. It's a secret.

3 Complete the text with *when* or *while*.

<sup>1</sup>While Pops, Eva and Mac were cycling through the desert, they saw a tomb. They were trying to find a way into the tomb

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Pops saw a small door.

They went inside. Pops and Mac were looking at the walls of the tomb <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Eva found Princess Zara's necklace. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she was trying to put on the necklace, somebody touched her neck. Mac was standing near Eva <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. She screamed. Then they saw Princess Zara! <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they were running out of the tomb, they dropped the necklace.



4 Circle the correct words.

1 While Pops wrote / (was writing) in his diary, he heard the front door open.

2 Pops went / was going downstairs when Eva shouted: 'Hello, Grandad! It's us!'

3 Mac and Eva were standing in the kitchen when Pops came / was coming in.

4 While Mac made / was making some sandwiches, Eva fed the dog.

5 Mac and Eva had / were having their tea when their mum came home from work.

6 While mum was talking to Pops, Eva gave / was giving her a sandwich and a cup of tea.

\*5 Complete the text with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

## George Blake and the Birds of Paradise

A hundred and fifty years ago, two explorers, George Blake and Stanley Wilson, <sup>1</sup>were travelling (travel) through a forest. The sun <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shine)



and it was very hot. After some time they <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) because they were tired. They <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when George <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange sound. It was a beautiful bird, a bird of paradise! It <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) and another bird <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) it. George <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (draw) the birds when Stanley <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up). 'What's that noise?' he shouted. The birds were scared and flew away. George wasn't **happy**.