

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

- While Pops wrote / was writing in his diary, he heard the front door open.
- Pops went / was going downstairs when Eva shouted: 'Hello, Grandad! It's us!'
- Mac and Eva were standing in the kitchen when Pops came / was coming in.
- While Mac made / was making some sandwiches, Eva fed the dog.
- Mac and Eva had / were having their tea when their mum came home from work.
- 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.