

# Grammar help

## Past progressive

### Affirmative and negative

#### 1 Choose the correct answers.

They wasn't / weren't walking down the street.

- 1 Grandpa wasn't / weren't listening to the radio.
- 2 The men was / were robbing a bank.
- 3 I was / were talking to my friends.
- 4 You wasn't / weren't listening to your teacher.
- 5 Mom was / were cleaning the bathroom.
- 6 We wasn't / weren't shoplifting.
- 7 It was / were raining yesterday evening.

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the affirmative (✓) or negative (X) past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

They weren't doing (do) the cooking. (X)

- 1 I thought they \_\_\_\_\_ (study) history. (✓)
- 2 You \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a cake. (X)
- 3 He \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out of the sports center. (X)
- 4 Mark \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for his train. (✓)
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) at 8 a.m. this morning. (✓)
- 6 You \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the concert. (X)
- 7 Emily \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to her teacher. (✓)
- 8 Mom \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the TV. (X)
- 9 We \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) through the park. (✓)

### yes / no questions and short answers

#### 3 Complete the questions in the past progressive. Then write affirmative or negative short answers.

Were we living in Sao Paulo?

(we / live) in Sao Paulo?

(X) No, we / you weren't.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(you / have) dinner?  
(X) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leo / do) the ironing?  
(✓) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
(she / walk) home?  
(X) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
(the boys / go) to the movies?  
(✓) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dad / clean) the car?  
(✓) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Write sentences in the past progressive with the words below.



While / I / speak with my friend / my brother / play / soccer

While I was speaking with my friend, my brother was playing soccer.

- 1 We / cook / while / you / sleep  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Kate / listen / to music / while / she / study  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 While / they / play / computer games / I / watch / TV  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 While / it / rain / we / sit / in the kitchen  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Dad / climb / a mountain / while / Mom / do / a parachute jump  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Past progressive and simple past + *when / while*

### 5 Check the correct option.

Were you walking down Wilson Street when the man mugged you?

a mugged ☒ b was mugging ☐ c mugs ☐

1 Were you eating when we \_\_\_\_\_?

a arrived ☐ b were arriving ☐ c arrive ☐

2 While I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework, I heard a strange noise.

a do ☐ b was doing ☐ c did ☐

3 Emma was having lunch in a restaurant while the thieves \_\_\_\_\_ her house.

a burglarize ☐ b were burglarizing ☐  
c burglarized ☐

4 While Luke was playing tennis, his friend \_\_\_\_\_ him.

a IMing ☐ b IMs ☐ c IMed ☐

5 Ollie met his girlfriend while he \_\_\_\_\_ at college.

a studies ☐ b was studying ☐ c studied ☐

### 6 Choose the correct answers.

**When / While** no one was looking, Ben took a cookie from the cupboard.

1 I was having breakfast **when / while** my phone rang.

2 They were talking about the party **when / while** they were eating.

3 **When / While** I started college, my parents were living in New York.

4 Vicky found her MP3 player **when / while** she was cleaning her bedroom.