



# Past Continuous

## The past continuous

Were you **going** abroad in that photo, Grandpa?



Yes, I was. I was on a train. I **was travelling** abroad for the first time.



We use the past continuous to talk about an action that was in progress at a certain time in the past.

We form the past continuous with **was/were** + past participle. For negative sentences, use **wasn't/weren't**. For questions, we use **was/were** + subject + past participle.

*I was walking slowly.*

*Holly wasn't listening to her MP3 player.*

*Were you making dinner? Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.*

## What were these people doing yesterday at 4 o'clock?

Read the sentences and choose the correct picture.

1. Jane **was watching** TV yesterday at 4 o'clock.



2. Sam **was doing** his homework yesterday at 4 o'clock.



3. Peter and Tess **were playing** a tennis match yesterday at 4 o'clock.



4. My parents **were riding** their bikes yesterday at 4 o'clock.



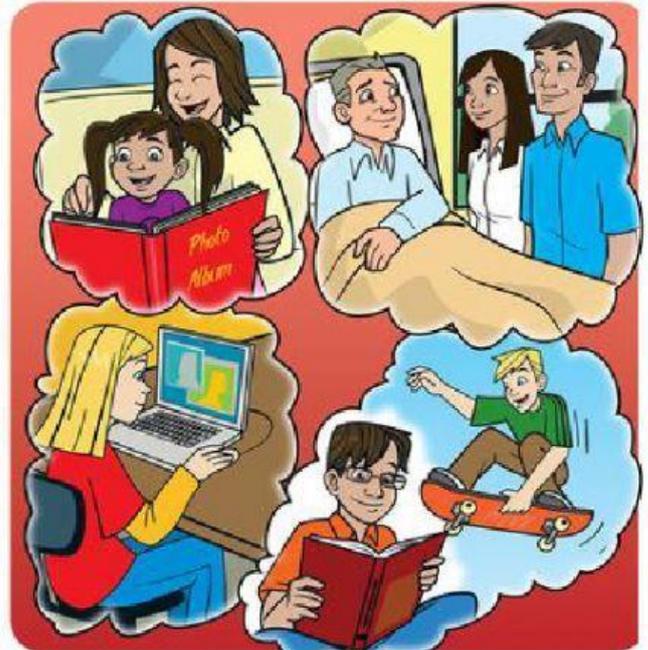


Now, look at the picture and complete the sentences using **WAS** or **WERE** + one of the verbs from the word bank with "ing".

ride visit ~~look~~ make read

What were the family doing at three o'clock yesterday afternoon?

1. Holly and her aunt were looking at the photo album.



2. Holly's parents \_\_\_\_\_ a friend in hospital.

3. Amy \_\_\_\_\_ a photo album on the computer.

4. Leo \_\_\_\_\_ his skateboard outside.

5. Max \_\_\_\_\_ a new book.