

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

1 ★ Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I was working (work) all afternoon yesterday.
- 2 Yolanda _____ (make) sandwiches for our picnic.
- 3 My brother _____ (not sleep) in front of the TV.
- 4 We _____ (sit) in the car.
- 5 Clara _____ (look) for her phone.
- 6 They _____ (not shop) this morning.

2 ★★ Look at the photos and correct the sentences. Use the past continuous.



- 1 She was playing football.
She wasn't playing football. She was playing tennis.
- 2 They were texting.

- 3 He was sleeping.

- 4 We were sitting on the bus.

3 ★★ Complete the email with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

feel have jump listen not dance play sleep

Hi Irina,
Happy New Year! I hope you ¹ were having fun at midnight last night. I was at a party, and a DJ



² _____ my favourite songs. I ³ _____ to the music, but I ⁴ _____ – I ⁵ _____ really tired. :(My friends ⁶ _____ up and down on the dance floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell me that you ⁷ _____ ! :)

Write back soon!

Jessie

4 ★★★ Look at the picture and complete the story with suitable verbs in the past continuous. There may be more than one possibility.

I had an interesting dream last night.

I ¹ was sitting in a winter garden. Everything was white because it

² _____, and I was very cold because I

³ _____ winter clothes.

A big brown bear

⁴ _____ in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I

⁵ _____ afraid at all. I ⁶ _____

nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear

⁷ _____ to me! Then suddenly the bear

⁸ _____ a guitar and singing! In the end,

I started to get angry with the bear. Then I woke up!

