

Past continuous

a Read

In 1972, Jane **was living** in London and she **was working** for an advertising agency.

When Cartier-Bresson took the photo, Jane and her boyfriend **were looking** at an owl in a tree.

Look at the **highlighted** verbs. Which verbs describe...?

1 an action in progress at a specific moment in the past

2 the situation at the beginning of the story

c Complete the sentences with a verb from the list in the correct past continuous form.

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1 Amy **was walking** in the park at 10.30 yesterday.

2 you and Jack in the same office when you first met?

3 Why didn't you answer the phone last night?
What ?

4 It when I left home this morning.

5 I in Prague in 2017.

6 I dropped my passport when I into the taxi.

d The police are at an art gallery because someone stole a famous painting at 5.30 yesterday afternoon. What were the people in the pictures doing at the time? Write sentences.



1 clean Gallery 6

I **was cleaning** Gallery 6.



2 try to find the exit

We .



3 close the windows

I .



4 wash the coffee cups

We .





5 count the money

I _____



6 What were you doing at 5.30 yesterday?

I _____

Lucy broke (break) her arm last week. It _____ (happen) when she _____ (paint) her room. She _____ (fall) off the ladder.



Yesterday Sue _____ along the road when she _____ James. He _____ to the station to catch a train and he _____ (carry) a bag. They _____ (stop) to talk for a few minutes.



e Put the verbs into the past simple or past continuous.

She arrived when we were having dinner.
(arrive, have)

- I _____ my arm when I _____ football.
(break, play)
- _____ you _____ fast when the police _____ you? (drive, stop)
- It _____ when we _____ the pub.
(snow, leave)
- I _____ the match because I _____.
(not see, work)
- When you _____ me, I _____ to my boss.
(call, talk)
- We _____ in Cambridge when we _____.
(study, meet)
- They _____ in Rome when they _____ their first baby?
(live, have)

f Write sentences with when. Use the past simple and past continuous.

1 Tommy / fall off his bike / cycle home

Tommy fell off his bike when he was cycling home.

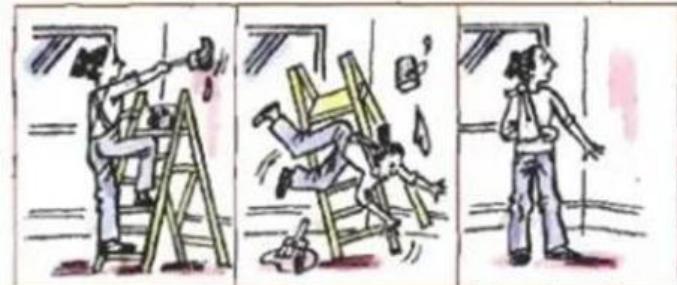
2 Mark / talk on the phone / get a text

3 The children / play computer games / the visitors arrive

4 We / have a barbecue / it start to rain

5 I / write a report / my computer crash

Look at the pictures. Put the verbs in the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



The train _____ (arrive) at the station and Paula _____ (get) off. Two friends of hers, Jon and Rachel, _____ (wait) to meet her.

