

Grammar in Use

A Study the grammar.

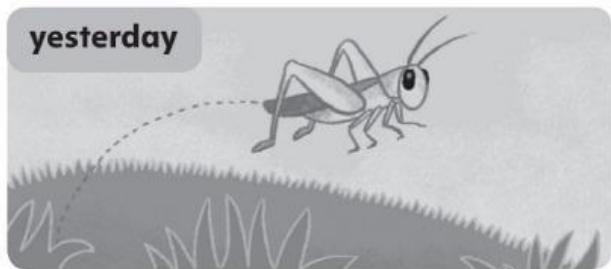


Learn Past Continuous

I **was sitting** in the grass.
The sun **wasn't** shining.

They **were eating** lunch together.
Was she **walking**?

B Look and write.



1 She **was sitting** in the grass
in the thicket. (sit)

2 The grasshopper _____
in the grass. (not sleep)



3 The boy _____ a poem.
(not write)

4 She _____ her poem to the class. (read)



5 The boys play basketball. (play)

6 The birds _____ in the tree. (sing)

C Complete the chart. Then write one more verb in the present and in the past continuous.

Present	Past Continuous
run	
	was jumping
fly	
	was buzzing

D Look, read, and check (✓).

1 Was the kangaroo hopping?



a Yes, it was.
 b No, it wasn't.

2 Were they writing poems?



a Yes, they were.
 b No, they weren't.

3 What was the butterfly doing?



a The butterfly was flying.
 b The butterflies were flying.

4 What was going on outside?



a The bee was buzzing.
 b The bees were buzzing.

E Rewrite the sentences in the past continuous.

1 The butterfly flies through the air.

The butterfly was flying
through the air.

2 The sun is shining.

3 The kangaroo leaps in the air.

4 The katydid jumps.
