Grammar in Use



A Study the grammar.

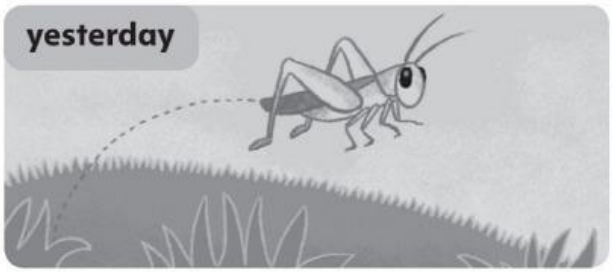
Learn Past Continuous

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 _____ basketball. (play)



6 The birds _____ in the tree. (sing)

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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.

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