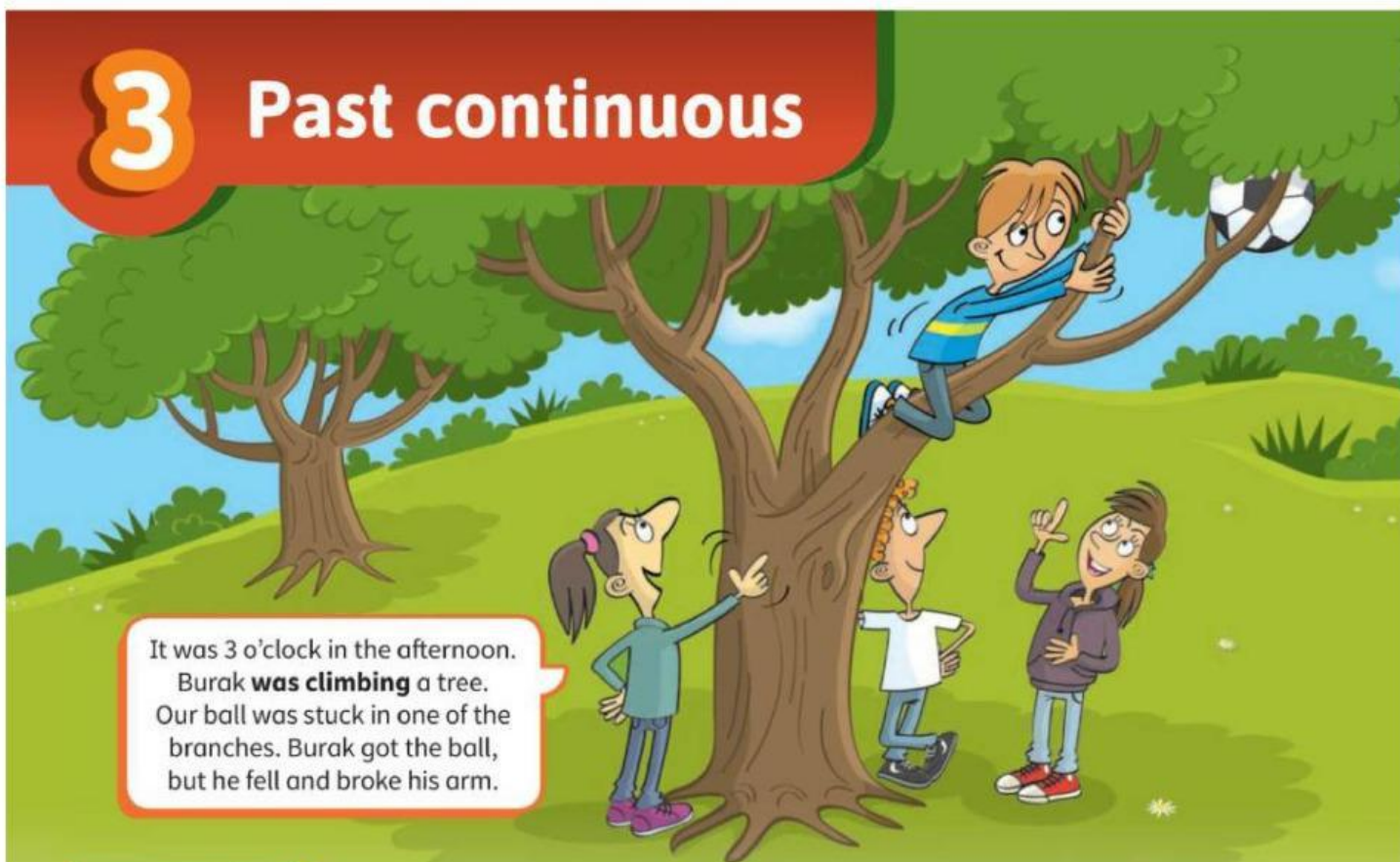


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Past continuous



It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
Burak **was climbing** a tree.
Our ball was stuck in one of the
branches. Burak got the ball,
but he fell and broke his arm.

Language focus

Use the **past continuous** to talk about events that were happening at a particular moment in the past, e.g.

Onur **was climbing** a mountain.

Form the past continuous with **was / were + verb + ing**:

I / he / she **was watching** a TV programme about firefighters.

We / you / they **were playing** football in the garden.



1

Circle the correct verb forms to complete the text.

On Saturday afternoon, everyone (1) was / were doing something. My brother Pablo (2) was / were reading about the Great Fire of London. My parents (3) was / were cleaning the kitchen. My sister Lucia (4) was / were playing a computer game called *Emergency!* My cousins Maria and Gonzalo (5) was / were painting. I (6) was / were doing something too. Can you guess what it was? Yes, that's right! I (7) was / were watching what everyone else was doing!

2 Match 1-6 with a-f.

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1 I was | a chasing the cat round the garden. That's her favourite thing to do. |
| 2 My brother was | b at home watching a TV programme about the emergency services. Grandma said it was very interesting. |
| 3 My grandparents were | c making a web page on the internet. She's very good with technology. |
| 4 My sisters were in | d the kitchen, making their favourite type of pizza: bananas and onion. Ugh! |
| 5 My dog was | e sleeping. He's always tired. He works really hard in school. |
| 6 Sarah, my best friend, was | f doing my Science homework. I didn't enjoy doing it because it was really hard! |

3 Correct the verbs in sentences 1-5. Make past continuous sentences.

- The firefighters were climb the ladder.
The firefighters were climbing the ladder.
- The police officers were ran very quickly.

- Sara was make a sandwich.

- The paramedic were working very hard.

- My friends was watching a film about a flood.



4 Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

- On Saturday morning, I _____.
- On Saturday afternoon, my parents _____.
- On Saturday evening, my family _____.
- On Sunday morning, I _____.
- On Sunday afternoon, my friends and I _____.
- On Sunday evening, I _____.

Past continuous questions

What **was** Dad **doing** this morning?

He **was cleaning** the car. It was so dirty!



Language focus

Use **past continuous questions** to ask someone what they were doing at a particular moment in the past, e.g.
I rang you at six. You didn't answer. Were you washing up?



Yes/No questions are formed with **was / were + verb + ing**, e.g.

Were we / they **sleeping** last night? Yes, we / they were. No, we / they weren't.

Was he / she **doing** his homework? Yes, he / she was. No, he / she wasn't.

'Wh' questions are formed by putting **where, what, why**, etc., before **was / were + verb + ing**, e.g.

What book **were** you **reading**? I was reading one about history.

Where **were** your friends **going**? They were going to the park to play tennis.

1 Rewrite the questions with the words in the correct order.

1 you / were / what / yesterday / doing / ? What were you doing yesterday?

2 you / were / sleeping / ?

3 what / friend / doing / was / your / ?

4 was / book / she / reading / a / ?

5 going / you / were / where / ?

6 at / brother / three / doing / your / was /
what / o'clock / ?

- 2 Complete the questions with *was / were* and the verbs from the box in the correct form. Then write the answers.



play drink read run sit clean ~~eat~~

- 1 Was the man in the blue T-shirt cleaning the window? Yes, he was.
- 2 _____ the man in a red T-shirt _____ a pizza? _____
- 3 _____ the two women _____ water? _____
- 4 _____ the woman in the red dress _____ down? _____
- 5 _____ the police officer _____ after a man? _____
- 6 _____ the man with glasses _____ a book? _____

- 3 Complete the questions.

- 1 What / you / do / four o'clock / afternoon / Monday?
What were you doing at four o'clock in the afternoon on Monday?
- 2 What / you / do / six o'clock / morning / Wednesday?

- 3 What / you / do / five o'clock / afternoon / Friday?

- 4 What / you / do / nine o'clock / evening / Saturday?

- 5 What / you / do / six o'clock / morning / Sunday?
