LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: questions



Watch video 3.3
What were they doing in the country?
What was her sister holding?

I/he/she/it	*you/we/they*
Was he **wearing** his wedding clothes?	[3] _____ the children **standing** close to the lake?
Yes, he [1] _____. / No, he [2] _____.	Yes, they [4] _____. / No, they **weren't**.

1 **Complete the examples in the table above.**

2 3.09 **Complete the dialogues with the past continuous form of the verbs. Then listen and check.**

1 A you / TV at 8 pm last night? (watch)
Were you watching TV at 8 pm last night?
B ✓ Yes, I was.

2 A What / your friends / at 7 am this morning? (do)

B get up

3 A What / you / yesterday? (wear)

B jeans and a hoodie

4 A your best friend / at 5 pm yesterday? (chat online)

B ✗ play basketball

Past simple and past continuous

When Clayton **jumped** into the water, he [1] _____ (wear) his wedding clothes.

While the photographer [2] _____ (prepare) his camera, Clayton **noticed** three children.

past simple
past continuous

3 **Complete the examples in the table above with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

Get it right!

We can use *when*, *while* and *as* + past continuous for a longer action in progress.

We use *when* + past simple for a shorter action that interrupts a longer one.

4 3.10 **Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous. Then listen and check.**

I [1] was walking (walk) to the bus stop one afternoon when I [2] _____ (fall) over on the icy street. I [3] _____ (carry) a heavy bag with all my school things and I [4] _____ (break) my glasses. I [5] _____ (feel) very embarrassed.

A lot of other people [6] _____ (wait) for the bus, but they [7] _____ (not help) me. However, one woman [8] _____ (pick up) my bag and glasses and she [9] _____ (find) an empty seat for me. While I [10] _____ (sit) there, she [11] _____ (clean) my face and gave me some water. But when I [12] _____ (look) for her a few minutes later, there was no one there.

Use it!

5 **Work in pairs. Take turns to say a sentence to continue and finish the story below. Use the past simple and past continuous.**

While I was walking to school this morning, I saw …

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