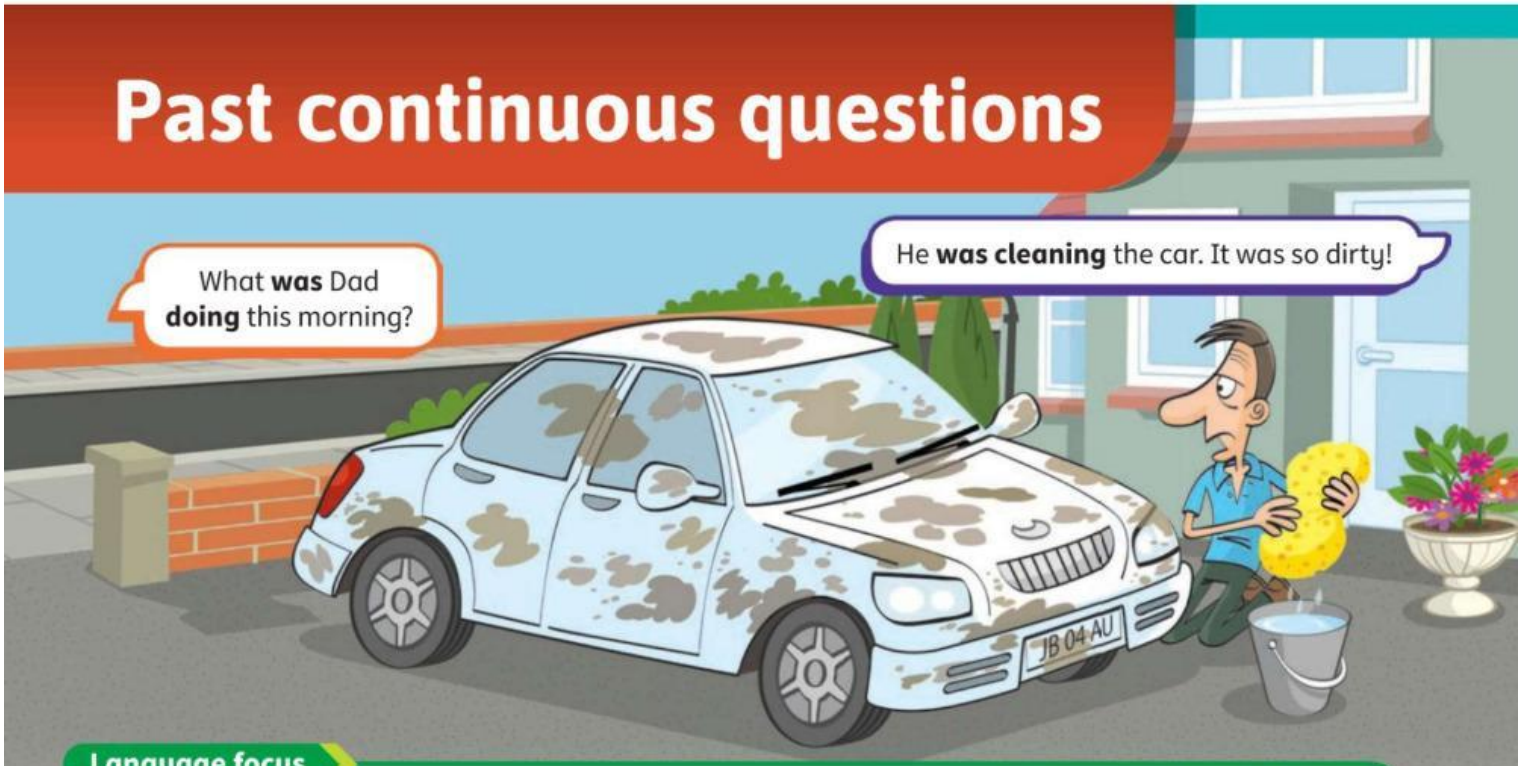
Past continuous questions



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 sleep**ing** last night?*	*Yes, we / they were.*	*No, we / they weren't.*
***Was** he / she do**ing** 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 / ? _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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?

LIVEWORKSHEETS