

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 Was the man in a red T-shirt eating a pizza?
- 3 Were the two women drinking water?
- 4 Was the woman in the red dress sitting down?
- 5 Was the police officer running after a man?
- 6 Was the man with glasses reading 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?