

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?
