

## GRAMMAR

### 2.2

Past Continuous and  
Past Simple

#### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

##### 1 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Graeme <sup>a</sup>went (go) online this morning and  
<sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) tickets for the concert.
- 2 Simone and Kay <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very busy all day yesterday. They <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) time for a break.
- 3 <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Carly/be) at the Science club last week?  
<sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (she/give) her presentation?
- 4 <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you/download) those games recently?  
<sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (they/be) free?

##### 2 ★ Complete the dialogue between a policeman and Steve with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

At the police station ...

P: What were you doing (do) at six o'clock on the 23rd of October?

S: Erm ... I don't remember. I think I was at home. Yes, I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.

P: Was anyone at home with you?

S: No, nobody. It was just me. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) that day.

P: I see. So nobody saw you at home at 6 p.m. that day?

S: Oh ... er ... yes of course. Silly me! My wife was there too. She <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) dinner in the kitchen.

P: And what about your children?

S: Oh yeah, the kids! They <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do/homework) upstairs in their bedrooms.

P: And your mother-in-law?

S: Oh yes, of course. Er ... She <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) in the kitchen.

P: I see. So, can you explain why we have pictures of you waiting in your car outside the bank at 6 p.m.?

##### 3 ★ Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Alexander Graham Bell was experimenting (experiment) in his laboratory when he made the first successful telephone call.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (Archimedes/have) a bath when he shouted 'Eureka!'
- 2 Mark Zuckerberg \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at Harvard University when he created Facebook.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaac Newton/sit) under an apple tree when he thought of his theory of gravity?
- 4 Marie Curie \_\_\_\_\_ (not/live) in Poland when she won her first Nobel Prize in 1903.

##### 4 ★★ Choose the correct forms.

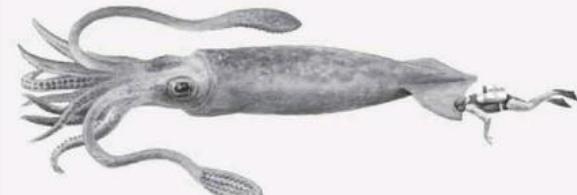
- 1 Sorry, I <sup>a</sup>had / was having a shower when you <sup>b</sup>called / were calling.
- 2 <sup>a</sup>Did Lola stand / Was Lola standing outside when it <sup>b</sup>started / was starting to rain?
- 3 When the car <sup>a</sup>crashed / was crashing into us, we <sup>b</sup>waited / were waiting at the traffic lights.
- 4 Fortunately, we <sup>a</sup>didn't ski / weren't skiing when the bad weather <sup>b</sup>came / was coming.

##### 5 ★★★ Complete the story with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

What were you doing (you/do) the last time you <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) something truly amazing? Well, fisherman and journalist Al McGlashan <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fish) with friends in his private boat when he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) something very, very strange. At first the group of fishermen <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not/know) what it was, but when they <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) closely, they saw the body of a giant squid – almost 4 metres long!

Al got out his video camera and then another amazing thing <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). He <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (film) the squid when a large blue shark <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) and began eating the dead squid for lunch!

Al <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) an Australian newspaper that in all his years of fishing he'd never seen anything like it.



#### SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

##### 6 Find and correct the mistakes.

He was clicking on an icon and nothing happened.  
clicked

- 1 Tom was downloading music when his computer was getting the virus. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Annabelle visited the zoo when she saw an elephant for the first time. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Grandma, were you watching television when Apollo 11 was landing on the moon? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 They were waiting for the bus when it was starting to snow. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The girls were playing tennis when Helen was breaking her arm. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Was the computers working this morning when you arrived? \_\_\_\_\_

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