

GRAMMAR

Past continuous

1 Read the examples. Then choose the correct words to complete the rules.

- 1 I **was taking** photographs of the girls' BMX team.
- 2 They **were riding** around the track.

a We use the past continuous to talk about actions in progress at a particular time in *the present / the past*.

b We form the past continuous with the correct *present / past* form of *be* and the *infinitive / -ing* form of the verb.

2 Choose the correct form of the verbs to make past continuous sentences.

- 1 They **were wearing** / **were wear** dark helmets.
- 2 He **isn't playing** / **wasn't playing** last night.
- 3 They **wasn't talking** / **weren't talking** about you.
- 4 What **was he doing** / **do** on the court?

5 **Were** / **Was** she watching the games?

6 **Mark is climbing** / **was climbing** yesterday.

7 Were they **listening** / **listen** to the match?
No, they **weren't** / **wasn't**.

3 Look at the picture of a park last Saturday morning. Write positive and negative past continuous sentences.

- 0 Kim / play tennis / swim *Kim was playing tennis. She wasn't swimming.*
- 1 Adam and Pete / run / skate

- 2 Myla / throw a ball / hit a ball



- 4 Megan and Ana / cycle / climb

- 3 Karl and Liam / play squash / kick a ball

- 5 Lucy / catch a ball / do athletics

4 Write questions in the past continuous.

- 0 you / do / sports at 3.30 yesterday?
Were you doing sports at 3.30 yesterday?
- 1 what / you / do / at 8.30 yesterday evening?

- 3 you / have / breakfast at 8.00 this morning?

- 4 what / do / five minutes ago?

- 2 you / read / at 10.30 / yesterday evening?