

Past continuous

1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

- 1 were / in / painting / our / We / pictures / colourful / class / art / morning / this

We were painting colourful pictures in our art class this morning

- 2 teacher / Our / walking / the / around / room / was

- 3 concentrating / Everybody / hard / was

- 4 wasn't / talking / friend / my / to / I

- 5 noise / weren't / any / making / They

- 6 painting / you / picture / a / Were / of / sister / your

- 7 next / sitting / to / Was / Nerea / you

2 Write questions with the past continuous. Then write answers that are true for you.

- 1 you / study / late last night

Were you studying late last night?

No, I wasn't.

- 2 you / watch a film / at eight o'clock / yesterday evening

- 3 your friend / message you / after school yesterday

- 4 it / rain / early this morning

- 5 your friends / wear jeans / today

- 6 you / have breakfast / at half past seven / this morning

- 3 Maya _____ (lose) her new phone while she _____ (run) to school.

- 4 When we _____ (take) that photo, you _____ (not look) at the camera.

- 5 Where _____ (your friends / go) when you _____ (meet) them in the street?

- 6 _____ (Dad / work) when I _____ (phone) earlier?

4 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Student finds old painting in sofa

One day, a young German student ¹ a market in Berlin. The people at the market were very busy that day – they ² a lot of old furniture. While the student ³ at this furniture, she ⁴ a nice sofa-bed and she ⁵ it for 150 euros. At home, while she ⁶ the sofa-bed, she suddenly ⁷ a very small Italian painting inside. It came from the 17th century. She later ⁸ the painting for 19,200 euros!

- 1 a were visiting b **was visiting** c wasn't visiting
2 a were selling b **was selling** c weren't selling
3 a looked b were looking c was looking
4 a found b was finding c were finding
5 a were buying b bought c was buying
6 a were opening b opened c was opening
7 a saw b was seeing c were seeing
8 a was selling b were selling c sold

5 Write sentences using *as* and the past continuous.

- 1 I / read my book / I / listen to music

As I was reading my book, I was listening to music.

- 2 we / play basketball / we / laugh

- 3 my dad / make dinner / he / talk to me

- 4 they / take a selfie / they / smile

- 5 Sofia / have lunch / she / look at her phone

- 6 I / brush my teeth / I / look in the mirror

- 7 you / walk to school / it / rain

Past continuous and past simple

3 Complete the sentences with the past continuous or the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We saw (see) a beautiful bird while we were sitting (sit) in the park.

- 2 I _____ (not feel) well when I _____ (wake up) this morning.

For me, these exercises were ... ☐ easy ☐ OK ☐ difficult