

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- I was working (work) all afternoon yesterday.
- Yolanda was making (make) sandwiches for our picnic.
- My brother wasn't sleeping (not sleep) in front of the TV.
- We were sitting (sit) in the car.
- Clara was looking (look) for her phone.
- They weren't shopping (not shop) this morning.

2 Look at the photos and correct the sentences. Use the past continuous.



- She was playing football.
She wasn't playing football. She was playing tennis.
- They were texting.

- He was sleeping.

- We were sitting on the bus.

3 Complete the email with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

feel have jump listen not dance play sleep

Hi Irina,
Happy New Year! I hope you ¹ were having fun at midnight last night. I was at a party, and a DJ ² was playing my favourite songs. I ³ was dancing to the music, but I ⁴ wasn't feeling - I ⁵ was really tired. :(My friends ⁶ were jumping up and down on the dance floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell me that you ⁷ weren't sleeping! :)
Write back soon!
Jessie



4 Look at the picture and complete the story with suitable verbs in the past continuous. There may be more than one possibility.

I had an interesting dream last night. I ¹ was sitting in a winter garden. Everything was white because it ² was snowing.

and I was very cold because I ³ wasn't wearing

winter clothes. A big brown bear ⁴ was standing

in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I ⁵ wasn't feeling afraid at all. I ⁶ was talking nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear ⁷ wasn't listening to me! Then suddenly the bear ⁸ was playing a guitar and singing! In the end, I started to get angry with the bear. Then I woke up!

