LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

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

1 I was working (work) all afternoon yesterday.
2 Yolanda _____ (make) sandwiches for our picnic.
3 My brother _____ (not sleep) in front of the TV.
4 We _____ (sit) in the car.
5 Clara _____ (look) for her phone.
6 They _____ (not shop) this morning.

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

1 She was playing football.
She wasn't playing football. She was playing tennis.
2 They were texting.
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3 He was sleeping.
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4 We were sitting on the bus.
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_____

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] _____ my favourite songs. I [3] _____ to the music, but I [4] _____ – I [5] _____ really tired. :(My friends [6] _____ up and down on the dance floor all night, though! What about you? Don't tell me that you [7] _____ ! :)

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] _____, and I was very cold because I [3] _____ winter clothes. A big brown bear [4] _____ in front of me on two legs. It was very tall! It looked angry and dangerous. I don't know why, but I [5] _____ afraid at all. I [6] _____ nicely to the bear in a very friendly voice, but the bear [7] _____ to me! Then suddenly the bear [8] _____ a guitar and singing! In the end, [illegible] bear [illegible] up

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