

Past Continuous

A Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous of the verbs in brackets.

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| 1 The students <i>were sitting</i> (sit) in their chairs when the teacher came in. | 4 you (make) a noise at 12 o'clock last night? |
| 2 your mum (sleep) yesterday at four o'clock? | 5 The boy took a biscuit while his mother (cook). |
| 3 We (leave) the house when the phone rang. | 6 Mum and Dad (not shop) at one o'clock. |

B Write each sentence in the negative form. Then write new affirmative sentences using the words in brackets. Pay attention to the underlined words.

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| 1 My brother was reading at <u>nine o'clock</u> .
(eight o'clock) | 3 I was waiting for <u>my friend</u> all morning.
(the postman) |
| a <i>My brother wasn't reading at nine o'clock.</i> | a |
| b <i>He was reading at eight o'clock.</i> | b |
| 2 Sarah and Danny were <u>studying</u> at six o'clock. (watch TV) | 4 The dogs were <u>sleeping</u> in the garden all day.
(play) |
| a | a |
| b | b |

C Write questions using the words below. Use the Past Continuous.

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| 1 you / sleep / at 11.00 / last night / ?
<i>Were you sleeping at 11.00 last night?</i> | 3 your teacher / shout / this morning / ?
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| 2 the students / play / during the break / ?
..... | 4 Sally / shop / all afternoon / ?
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D Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- The reporter *was writing* (write) an article while the photographers *were taking* (take) pictures.
- The students (not study) for a test. They (make) a poster.
- you (ride) your horse at 4 o'clock yesterday?
- We (sit) at our desks when the bell rang.
- My brother (not wash) the dishes when Mum came home.
He (sleep)!
- it (snow) when you left the house?

Past Continuous – Answers

- A**
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| 1 | were sitting | 4 | Were ... making |
| 2 | Was ... sleeping | 5 | was cooking |
| 3 | were leaving | 6 | weren't shopping |
- B**
- 1 a My brother wasn't reading at nine o'clock.
b He was reading at eight o'clock.
 - 2 a Sarah and Danny weren't studying at six o'clock.
b They were watching TV.
 - 3 a I wasn't waiting for my friend all morning.
b I was waiting for the postman.
 - 4 a The dogs weren't sleeping in the garden all day.
b They were playing.
- C**
- 1 Were you sleeping at 11.00 last night?
 - 2 Were the students playing during the break?
 - 3 Was your teacher shouting this morning?
 - 4 Was Sally shopping all afternoon?
- D**
- 1 was writing, were taking
 - 2 weren't studying, were making
 - 3 Were ... riding
 - 4 were sitting
 - 5 wasn't washing, was sleeping
 - 6 Was ... snowing