

Past Continuous

A Complete the sentences with *was* or *were*.

- 1 It*was*..... raining this morning when I got up.
- 2 you watching television at six o'clock last night?
- 3 the man standing at the bus stop when the bus came?
- 4 My parents sleeping when the telephone rang.
- 5 The lights went out while we having supper.
- 6 I walking to school when I saw my friend.

B Complete the sentences with the Past Continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I ...*was watching*... (watch) TV when my parents came home.
- 2 Tom (study) for his test yesterday at seven o'clock?
- 3 The boys (play) football when it started to rain.
- 4 the dogs (bark) at midnight last night?
- 5 The baby (not sleep) when we went to bed.
- 6 You (not ride) your bicycle when I saw you.
- 7 My parents (leave) the house when I got home.
- 8 When I phoned my friend, she (eat) supper.

C Write questions using the Past Continuous.

- 1 you / walk / in the street / at seven o'clock / last night / ?
Were you walking in the street at seven o'clock last night?
- 2 your father / sleep / at eight o'clock / this morning / ?
.....
- 3 you / listen / to music / in the bedroom / when Mum come in / ?
.....
- 4 your brother / wait / at the bus stop / ?
.....
- 5 your friends / swim / at eleven o'clock / in the morning / ?
.....

D Complete the text with the Past Continuous form of the verbs below.

listen ~~play~~ cut bark repair not smile

Yesterday, my neighbour came home early from work. His son ¹*was playing*..... the drums in the living room and his daughter ² to jazz music on the radio. Workers ³ the road in front of his house, a dog ⁴ in the garden, and I ⁵ the grass. A few minutes later, my neighbour got into his car. He ⁶ "Where are you going?" I asked. "Back to work, where it's quiet," he said.

Past Continuous – Answers

- A**
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| 1 was | 4 were |
| 2 Were | 5 were |
| 3 Was | 6 was |
- B**
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| 1 was watching | 5 wasn't sleeping |
| 2 Was ... studying | 6 weren't riding |
| 3 were playing | 7 were leaving |
| 4 Were ... barking | 8 was eating |
- C**
- 1 Were you walking in the street at seven o'clock last night?
 - 2 Was your father sleeping at eight o'clock this morning?
 - 3 Were you listening to music in the bedroom when Mum came in?
 - 4 Was your brother waiting at the bus stop?
 - 5 Were your friends swimming at eleven o'clock in the morning?
- D**
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| 1 was playing | 4 was barking |
| 2 was listening | 5 was cutting |
| 3 were repairing | 6 wasn't smiling |