

## Past Continuous

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

- The students ..... *were sitting* ..... (sit) in their chairs when the teacher came in.
- ..... your mum ..... (sleep) yesterday at four o'clock?
- We ..... (leave) the house when the phone rang.
- ..... you ..... (make) a noise at 12 o'clock last night?
- The boy took a biscuit while his mother ..... (cook).
- 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.

- My brother was reading at nine o'clock. (eight o'clock)  
a *My brother wasn't reading at nine o'clock.*  
b *He was reading at eight o'clock.*
- Sarah and Danny were studying at six o'clock. (watch TV)  
a .....  
b .....
- I was waiting for my friend all morning. (the postman)  
a .....  
b .....
- The dogs were sleeping in the garden all day. (play)  
a .....  
b .....

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

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