

Exercises

6.1 What were you doing at these times? Write sentences as in the examples. The past continuous is not always necessary (see the second example).

- 1 (at 8 o'clock yesterday evening) *I was having dinner.*
- 2 (at 5 o'clock last Monday) *I was on a bus on my way home.*
- 3 (at 10.15 yesterday morning)
- 4 (at 4.30 this morning)
- 5 (at 7.45 yesterday evening)
- 6 (half an hour ago)

6.2 Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use the past continuous.

- 1 Matt phoned while we *were having dinner*
- 2 The doorbell rang while I
- 3 The car began to make a strange noise when we
- 4 Jessica fell asleep while she
- 5 The television was on, but nobody

6.3 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

<p>1</p>  <p>I <i>saw</i> (see) Sue in town yesterday, but she (not / see) me. She (look) the other way.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>I (meet) Tom and Jane at the airport a few weeks ago. They (go) to Paris and I (go) to Rome. We (have) a chat while we (wait) for our flights.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>I (cycle) home yesterday when a man (step) out into the road in front of me. I (go) quite fast, but luckily I (manage) to stop in time and (not / hit) him.</p>
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6.4 Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- 1 Jenny *was waiting* (wait) for me when I *arrived* (arrive).
- 2 'What (you / do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- 3 '..... (you / go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- 4 How fast (you / drive) when the accident
(happen)?
- 5 Sam (take) a picture of me while I
(not / look).
- 6 We were in a very difficult position. We (not / know) what to do.
- 7 I haven't seen Alan for ages. When I last (see) him, he
..... (try) to find a job.
- 8 I (walk) along the street when suddenly I
(hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody (follow) me. I was
scared and I (start) to run.
- 9 When I was young, I (want) to be a pilot.
- 10 Last night I (drop) a plate when I (do) the
washing-up. Fortunately it (not / break).