

The Past Continuous

YESTERDAY



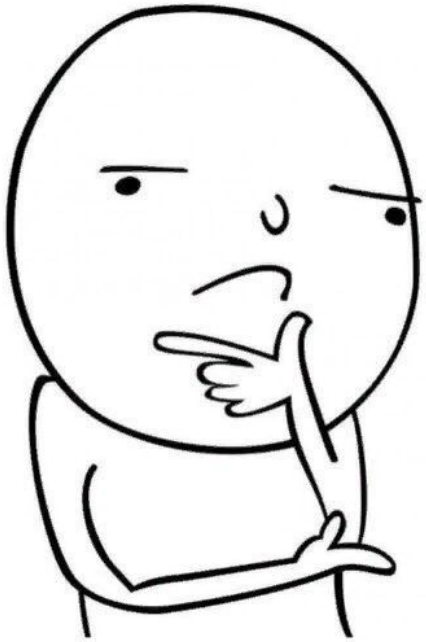
the Past Simple

She cooked dinner yesterday.

FACT!

the Past Continuous

She was cooking dinner at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.



The Past Continuous

an action in progress at a specific time in the past



Time expressions:

- while
- when
- as
- all day
- yesterday at 5 o'clock, etc.

He was watching TV at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

an action in progress when another action interrupted it



He was cooking when his friend came.



was/were + Ving

Open your copybooks and write it down.

+ _____ was/were + Ving.

— _____ was/were + not + Ving.

? Was/Were _____ Ving ?

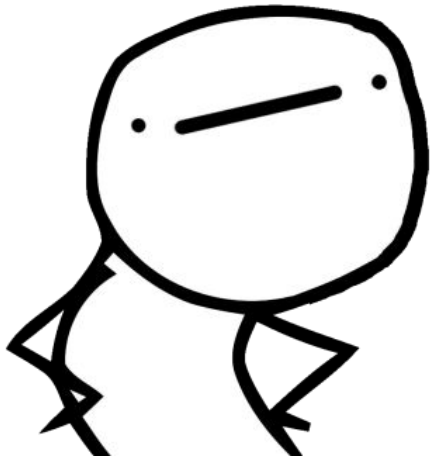
Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't.
Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

Ex.6. Ask and answer questions about the people in the pictures.



Laura/read the newspaper/6 o'clock?

Was Laura reading the newspaper at 6 o'clock?



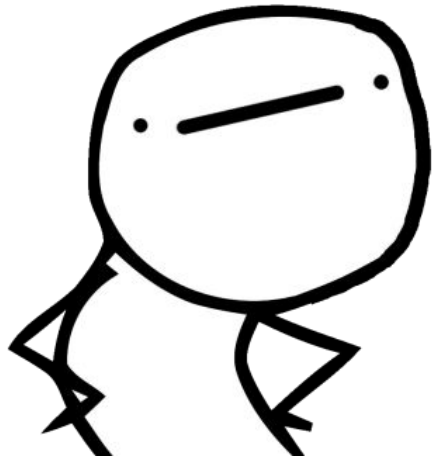
No, she wasn't.
She was sending emails.





John/read magazine/6 o'clock?

Was John reading a magazine at 6 o'clock?



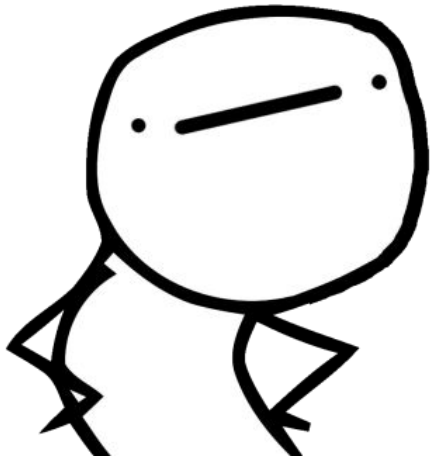
No, he wasn't.
He was sending a text message.





Sue/send text messages on her mobile/ 6 o'clock?

Was Sue sending text messages on her mobile at 6 o'clock?



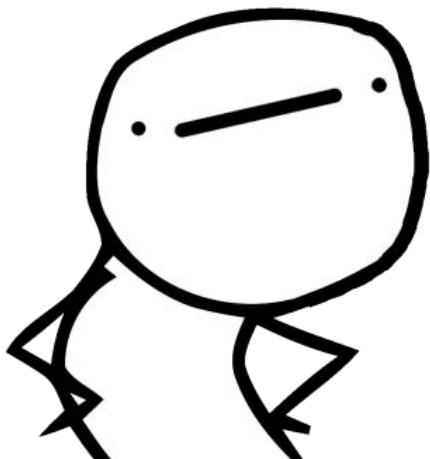
No, she wasn't.
She was watching TV.





Tony/send emails/6 o'clock?

Was Tony sending emails at 6 o'clock?



No, he wasn't.
He was reading a newspaper.

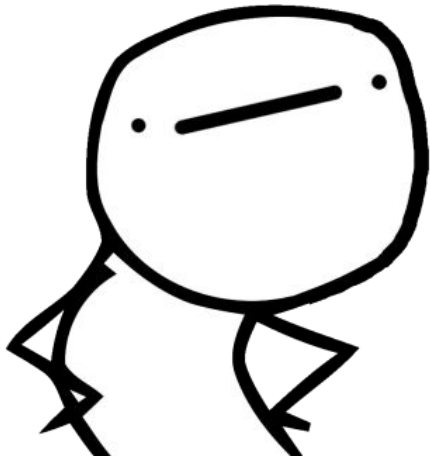




Mary/watch TV/6 o'clock?

Was Mary watching TV at 6 o'clock?

No, she wasn't.
She was reading magazines.



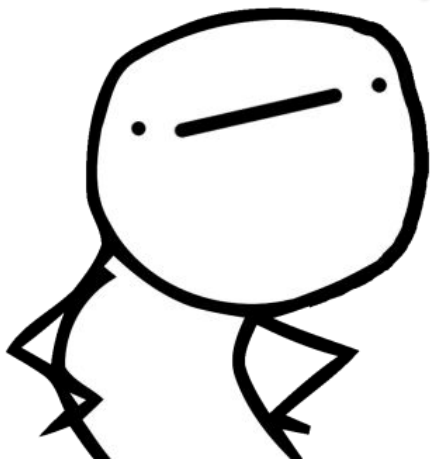
Ex. 7. Ask and answer questions about what you were doing last Saturday at the times below. (Try to use your own ideas.)

- 7:00 am
- 12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 9:00 pm

What were you doing at 7 o'clock on Saturday morning?

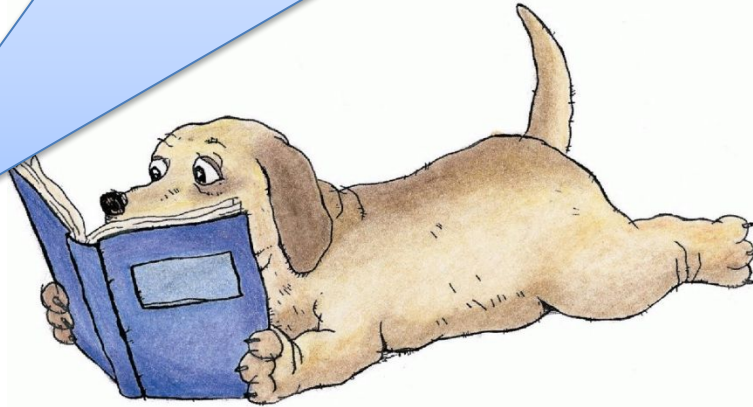


I was drinking tea.

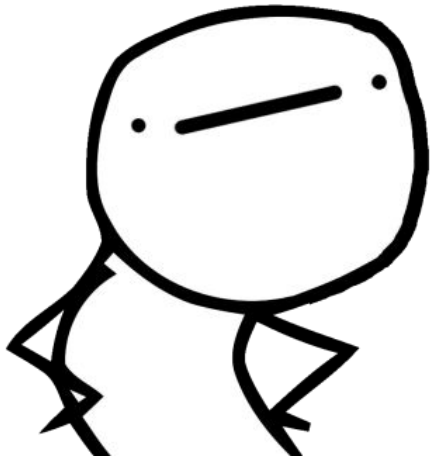


- 7:00 am
- 12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 9:00 pm

What were you doing at half past twelve on Saturday afternoon?



I was reading a book.

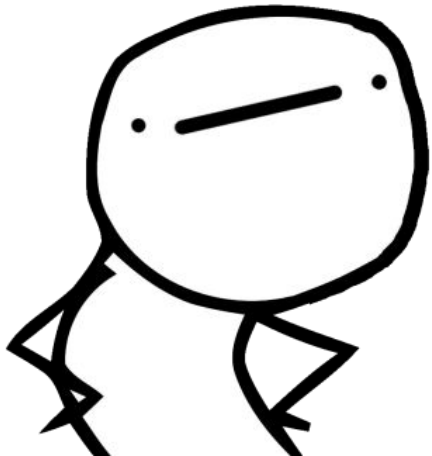


- 7:00 am
- 12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 9:00 pm

What were you doing at half past two on Saturday afternoon?



I was riding a bike.

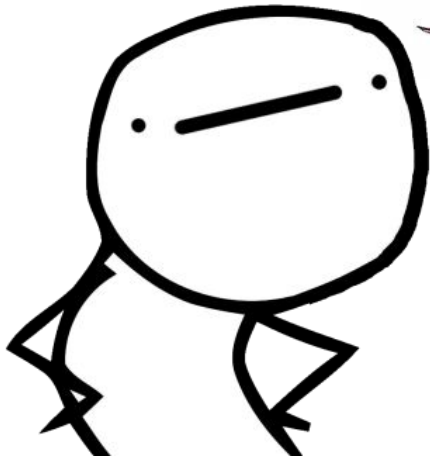


- 7:00 am
- 12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 9:00 pm

What were you doing at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon?



I was walking with my friends.

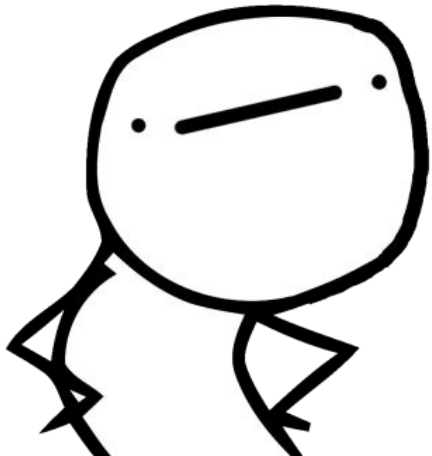


- 7:00 am
- 12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 9:00 pm

What were you doing at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening?



I was playing the guitar.



Game

1. Choose a leader. He/she says where he/she was last Sunday.
2. The class try to guess what he/she was doing there.

Last Sunday I was at the park.

Were you having a picnic?

Were you running?

Yes, I was.

Were you eating a hamburger?

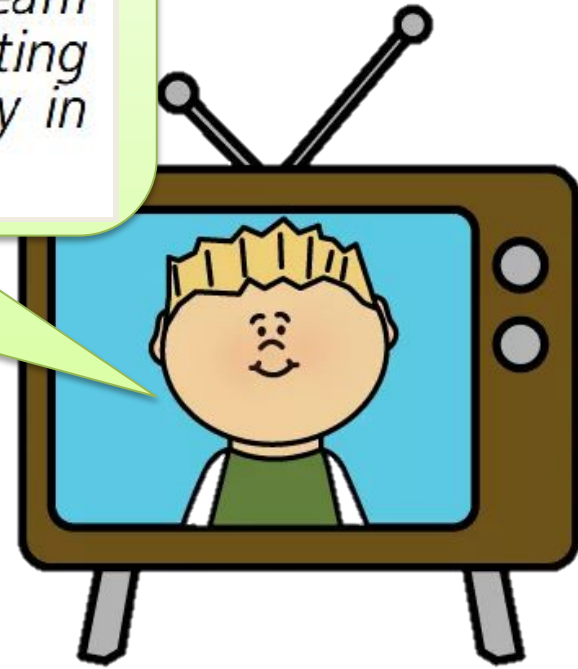
Were you walking with your friend?



Ex. 8. Writing. Portfolio. A news story.

Write a news story about something important happened in your area last week. Present it to the class.

Last Sunday, the local football team went to the capital to play in the final and won. The people of the town organised a big party to welcome them home and to celebrate the victory. When the team arrived home there were crowds of people waiting for them and then everybody went to the party in the football club. The whole town celebrated.



Workbook

1 Read the headlines and match them to the newspaper sections.

A
BIG FIRES in Britain and France!

B
Pisces get ready for a great summer

C
Friends final episode on Channel 5 tonight

D
Summer hair repair secret!

E
Tom Cruise is getting married again!

F
Heatwave strikes Athens on Monday and Tuesday

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|---|---|--------------------|
| 1 | C | TV guide |
| 2 | F | weather report |
| 3 | E | gossip |
| 4 | D | beauty advice |
| 5 | B | horoscope |
| 6 | A | international news |

2

Fill in the gaps with words from the box.

- local
- articles
- fashion
- daily
- celebrity
- interview

- 1 There's an **interview** with Brad Pitt in today's newspaper.
- 2 I find **celebrity** gossip very boring.
- 3 Our teacher is on the **local** news for saving a student's life.
- 4 I'm interested in **articles** about the environment.
- 5 The only thing we watch on TV is the **daily** news.
- 6 Find out everything about the latest summer trends in our **fashion** section.

3

Put the verbs in brackets in the *past continuous*.

1 A: What **were you doing** .. (you/do)
last night at 7:00 pm?

B: I **was chatting** .. (chat) on the
Internet with my friends.

2 A: What ... **were your parents doing** ..
(your parents/do) at 5:30 pm yesterday?

B: They **were cooking** . (cook) dinner.

3 A: **Was your sister sleeping** (your sister/
sleep) at 8:00 am this morning?

B: No, she **wasn't sleeping** (not/sleep).
She **was taking** (take) a shower.

4 What were the following people doing at 3:00 pm yesterday afternoon? Ask and answer questions. Use the verbs.

- send • talk • listen • read



1 Abigail/watch TV

► A: Was Abigail watching TV yesterday at 3:00?

B: No, she wasn't watching TV. She was listening to music.

2 Derek/walk the dog

3 Bob/cook a meal

4 Teresa & Al/sleep

- Was Derek walking the dog yesterday at 3:00?
- No, he wasn't walking the dog. He was sending an email.
- Was Bob cooking a meal yesterday at 3:00?
- No, he wasn't cooking a meal. He was talking on his phone.
- Were Teresa and Al sleeping yesterday at 3:00?
- No, they weren't sleeping. They were reading a book.