

1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (drive) from Italy to France.
- 2 The weather was good and the sun _____ (shine).
- 3 My sister _____ (read) a book.
- 4 My brother _____ (draw) a picture of a cat.
- 5 My mother and father _____ (talk) about their favourite film.
- 6 I _____ (listen) to some music on my phone.
- 7 Our dog _____ (sleep) in the back of the car.
- 8 My friends _____ (send) text messages to me.

Student A

- 2 Use the past continuous to talk about what the people were doing when the police officer arrived. Find eight differences between your picture and Student B's picture.**



Student B

- 2 Use the past continuous to talk about what the people were doing when the police officer arrived. Find eight differences between your picture and Student A's picture.**



2B Past continuous

Aims: To review and practise the past continuous.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Materials: 1 handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout. In exercise 1, students complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs. Remind them, if necessary, to use *was* with *I / he / she / it*, and *were* with *you / we / they*.

KEY

- 1 were driving
- 2 was shining
- 3 was reading
- 4 was drawing
- 5 were talking
- 6 was listening
- 7 was sleeping
- 8 were sending

Exercise 2

- Divide students into A/B pairs. Ask the A students to cover up the Student B picture and the B students to cover up the Student A picture on their handouts. Alternatively, they can cut them out. Explain that they need to describe to each other what was happening when the police officer arrived using the past continuous. Students then compare their descriptions to discover the eight differences.
- Check answers with the whole class, encouraging students to reply using full sentences in the past continuous.

KEY

In picture A the woman in the car was talking on the phone; in picture B she was reading a magazine or a book. In picture A the man was stealing a wallet; in picture B he was stealing a phone.

In picture A two girls were fighting / having a fight; in picture B two boys were fighting / having a fight.

In picture A a cat was eating the man's sandwich; in picture B a dog was eating the man's sandwich.

In picture A a boy was drawing a picture of a volcano; in picture B he was drawing a picture of a waterfall.

In picture A a girl was riding her bike on some flowers; in picture B she was jumping on some flowers.

In picture A a man was sleeping on a wall; in picture B two men were sleeping on a wall.

In picture A a boy was playing the guitar; in picture B he was playing the violin.