

I was doing (past continuous)

A

4:00



now (6:00)



It is 6:00 now.

Rob **is** home.He **is watching** TV.At 4:00 he **wasn't** at home.He **was** at the gym.He **was swimming** in the pool.He **wasn't watching** TV.

3:30

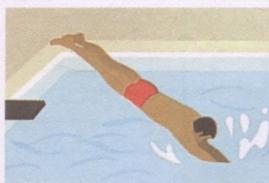
he started swimming

4:00

he was swimming

4:15

he finished swimming



B

was/were + -ing is the *past continuous*:

Affirmative

I			doing
he	was	watching	
she		playing	
it		swimming	
we		living	
you	were	etc.	
they			

Negative

I		was not	doing
he		(wasn't)	watching
she			playing
it			swimming
we		were not	living
you		(weren't)	etc.
they			

Question

was	I	he	doing?
	she	she	watching?
	it	it	playing?
were	we	you	swimming?
	you	they	living?, etc.

- What **were** you **doing** at 11:30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- "What did he say?" "I don't know. I **wasn't** **listening**."
- It **was raining** so we didn't go out.
- In 2009 we **were living** in Japan.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** pants.
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

Spelling (live → living / run → running / lie → lying, etc.) → Appendix 5

C

am/is/are + -ing (present) → was/were + -ing (past):

Present

- I'm **working** (now).
- It **isn't** **raining** (now).
- What **are** you **doing** (now)?

Past

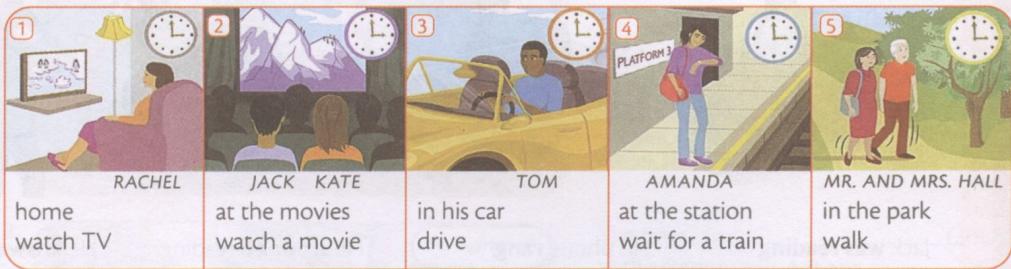
- I **was working** at 10:30 last night.
- It **wasn't** **raining** when we went out.
- What **were** you **doing** at 3:00?

Exercises

Unit 13

13.1

Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3:00 yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write two sentences for each picture.



1 Rachel was home. She was watching TV.

2 Jack and Kate They

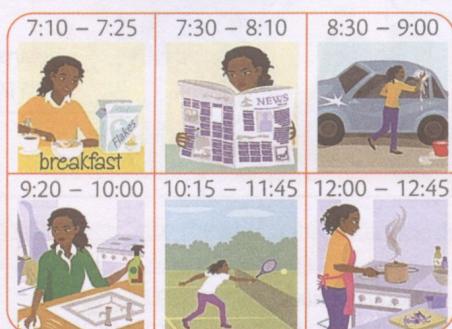
3 Tom

4

5

6 And you? I

13.2 Sarah did a lot of things yesterday. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



1 At 8:45 **she was washing her car.**

2 At 10:45 she

3 At 8:00

4 At 12:10

5 At 7:15

6 At 9:30

13.3 Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

- 1 (you/live) **Where were you living** in 2012?
2 (you/do) at 2:00?
3 (it/rain) when you got up?
4 (Sue/drive) so fast?
5 (Tom/wear) a suit yesterday?

In Brazil.
I was asleep.
No, it was sunny.
Because she was late.
No, a T-shirt and jeans.

13.4 Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write affirmative or negative sentences.



- 1 (wear / a jacket) **He wasn't wearing a jacket.**
2 (carry / a bag)
3 (ride / a bike)
4 (go / home)
5 (wear / a hat)
6 (carry / an umbrella)
7 (go / to the dentist)
8 (eat / an ice cream cone)