

Past Continuous Review

1 Look at the pictures and cues. Write sentences using the Past Continuous.



11:15 am

vacuum the living room



10:20 pm

take a bath



5:55 pm

cook dinner



3:30 pm

surf the Internet

- 1) Susan _____ at 11:15 am .
- 2) Angela _____ at 10:20 pm .
- 3) Betty _____ at 5:55 pm .
- 4) Liza _____ at 3:30 pm .

2 Fill in the spaces using either the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

- 1) When I tennis, I my wrist. [play / break]
- 2) I TV when the phone [watch / ring]
- 3) The earthquake while Julia the violin. [happen / play]
- 4) When John near his house, he his bicycle. [ride / fall off]
- 5) Susan her husband when she in Brazil. [meet / work]

3 Read the conversation below and fill in the spaces using the verb in the correct form.

Scene: Julia is talking to her friend Bob about a recent earthquake.

- Bob** Where were you when the earthquake happened?
- Julia** I was at school, in a classroom.
- Bob** What you when youthe earthquake? [do / feel]
- Julia** I for my next class. [prepare]
- Bob** you when it happened? [sit down]
- Julia** No, I some notes on the whiteboard. [write]
- Bob** What you ? [do]
- Julia** I quickly under the table! [hide]

4 Write a short sentence using the Past Continuous and Past Simple. Use your imagination, if necessary!

- You found something. e.g. *When I was shopping, I found ten dollars.*
- You hurt yourself. _____
- You lost something. _____
- You broke something. _____

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Teacher's Notes

Target Structure:	Past Continuous (Past Progressive)
Vocabulary:	General
Level:	Pre-Intermediate
Time:	30 minutes
Preparation:	None

Suggested Teaching Method

This review lesson can be set as homework, or as part of a lesson.

If set during the lesson, go through the worksheet one exercise at a time. Students can work alone for each activity, and then check in pairs. Go through the answers with the group.

Answer Key (Other answers may be possible)

- ①
- 1) Susan was vacuuming the living room at 11:15 pm.
 - 2) Angela was taking a bath at 10:20 pm.
 - 3) Betty was cooking dinner at 5:55 pm.
 - 4) Liza was surfing the Internet at 3:30 pm.
- ②
- 1) When I was playing tennis, I broke my wrist.
 - 2) I was watching TV when the phone rang.
 - 3) The earthquake happened while Julia was playing the violin.
 - 4) When John was riding near his house, he fell off his bicycle.
 - 5) Susan met her husband when she was working in Brazil.
- ③
- Bob Where were you when the earthquake happened?
 Julia I was at school, in a classroom.
 Bob When were you doing when you felt the earthquake?
 Julia I was preparing for my next class.
 Bob Were you sitting down when it happened?
 Julia No, I was writing some notes on the whiteboard.
 Bob What did you do?
 Julia I quickly hid under the table!

Additional Ideas

This worksheet can be used with other Past Continuous materials. Check out '[The Bank Robbery](#)', and '[Moments in History](#)'.

Your Feedback



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