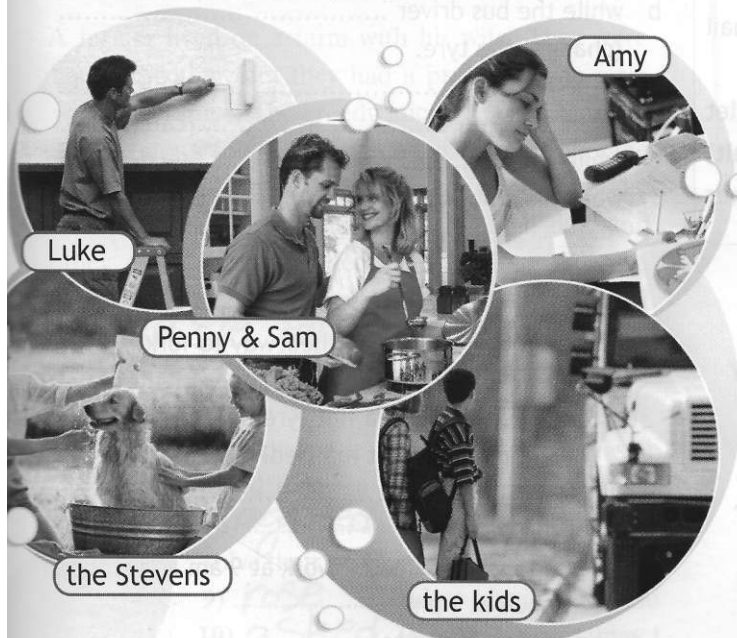


Past Simple – Past Continuous

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- 1** Look at the pictures and use the verbs in the *past continuous* to describe what each person was doing at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as in the example.

• wait • study • paint • wash • cook



► At three o'clock yesterday afternoon, Luke was painting the garage.

- 2** Underline the correct item.

- 1 While we had/were having a picnic, it started to rain.
- 2 Alice was drawing a picture while her mum was cooking/cooked dinner.
- 3 What did you do/were you doing at 9 o'clock last night?
- 4 During my last holiday, I learnt/was learning to jet-ski.
- 5 I wasn't speaking/didn't speak much when I was a child.
- 6 Mike relaxed/was relaxing in front of the TV while his sister was studying for her exams.
- 7 When he was young, he delivered/was delivering newspapers.
- 8 Charlie was giving/gave a speech after he received his reward.
- 9 What time were you arriving/did you arrive at the airport?
- 10 Someone stole Ben's car while he slept/was sleeping last night.

- 3** Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or *past continuous*.

- 1 A: What happened (happen) with the experiment?
B: Everyone (be) very impressed by it and (agree) that it was a huge breakthrough.
- 2 A: I (call) you all day yesterday but you (not/be) at home.
B: Sorry, but I was helping my brother pick out a suit for his new job.
- 3 A: They (seem) so much in love when I (see) them at the restaurant yesterday.
B: Yes, no wonder they are getting married this summer.
- 4 A: While Dad (drink) coffee, I (make) pancakes.
B: And what about your mum? (she/be) around?
- 5 A: What (he/do) when the fire started?
B: He (read) a book while his parents (make) dinner.
- 6 A: When (she/last/send) you an email?
B: It (be) some time ago but I'm not sure.
- 7 A: My dad (look) out the window one day when he (witness) an accident.
B: Really? (it/be) serious?
- 8 A: Cameron (come) to the conclusion that complaining is useless.
B: What? (he/not/know) that?
- 9 A: As Diana (cook), her 10-year-old son (watch) very closely.
B: Yes, he loves cooking.
- 10 A: I (walk) on Elm street yesterday when I (run into) Mary.
B: I haven't seen her for ages!