

1. Look at the following picture of a mom who had a busy day yesterday. Use the words given to write a positive or negative sentence about what she was doing:



- a. (talk / on the phone) **She was not talking on the phone.**
- b. (watch / TV) **She was not watching TV.**
- c. (take care of / her child) **She was taking care of her child.**
- d. (eat / ice cream) **She was not eating ice cream.**
- e. (write / email) **She was not writing an email.**

- f. (make / dinner) She was making dinner.
- g. (clean / the floor) She was not cleaning the floor.
- h. (carry / her son) She was carrying her son.
- i. (wash / vegetables) She was not washing vegetables.

2. Look at the pictures and make two yes/no questions using the past continuous. For each picture, make a question for the **yes** answer, and make one for the **no** answer:

a.		
	a blue shirt / a white shirt (wear)	
	Was she wearing a blue shirt?	Was she wearing a white shirt?
	Yes, she was.	No, she wasn't.

b.



his dog / his cat (hold)

Was he holding a cat?

Was he holding a dog?

Yes, he was.

No, he wasn't.

c.



pizza / a hamburger (eat)

Was she eating pizza?

Was she eating a hamburger?

Yes, she was.

No, she wasn't.

d.



golf / tennis (play)

Was he playing golf?

Was he playing tennis?

Yes, he was.

No, he wasn't.

e.



her cellphone / her wallet (steal)

Was he stealing her wallet?

Was he stealing her cellphone?

Yes, he was.

No, he wasn't.

f.



an apartment / a house (rent)

Was she renting a house?

Was she renting an apartment?

Yes, she was.

No, she wasn't.

3. Make questions using the past continuous. Use **where, **when**, **what**, or **why** and the words in parentheses:**

a.	What were you doing at 3 AM? (you / do) • I was sleeping.
b.	Why was Tom borrowing your laptop? (Tom / borrow) • Because his was broken.
c.	Where were they cooking dinner? (they / cook) • They were cooking dinner in the kitchen.
d.	What were you eating? (you / eat) • I was eating a sandwich.
e.	When were you playing soccer? (you / play) • I was playing after work.
f.	Why was he crying? (he / cry) • Because he hurt his leg.
g.	Where were your friends watching the movie? (your friends / watch) • They were watching it at home.
h.	When were you studying? (you / study) • I was studying before I went to school.
i.	What was he listening to? (he / listen) • He was listening to the radio.

j.	Where was Stella walking her dog? (Stella / walk) Stella was walking her dog in the forest.
k.	Why was she wearing shorts yesterday? (she / wear) Because it was hot.
l.	When were you shopping for shoes? (you / shop) I was shopping for shoes last weekend.

4. Look at the following pictures. Fill in the blanks with the past simple or continuous of the verbs. Careful, some of the verbs cannot be used in the continuous:



a. Sam (cook) **was cooking** dinner when I (come) **came** home.



b. She **was sleeping** when you (call) **called**.



c. I (not have) **didn't have** a girlfriend when we **met** (meet).



d. I (cross) **was crossing** the street when I (drop) **dropped** my purse.



e. Kim (study) **was studying** when her mother (arrive) **arrived**.



f. Her parents (talk) **were talking** when she (enter) **entered** the room.



g. I (carry) **was carrying** some books when I (fall) **fell**.



h. They (wait) **were waiting** for the bus when they (see) **saw** their friends.



i. The soup (need) **needed** more salt when I (taste) **tasted** it.



j. We (walk) **were walking** in the park when we (see) **saw** the bird.



k. I (not know) **didn't know** about her problem when I (call) **called** her.

5. Use the verbs in the table to complete the following pairs of sentences. Make sure you use both past simple and continuous forms. Be careful. Some sentences need negative forms:

eat	drive	talk	wait	read
study	walk	make	sleep	apologize

a.	I was walking in the forest when I saw the dog. I walked home from school yesterday because I forgot my bicycle.
b.	She ate two pieces of cake at the party yesterday. She was eating dinner at seven o'clock.
c.	Peter wasn't talking to his friends during the class because the teacher was angry. Peter didn't talk to his friends last night because they were busy.
d.	I read that book last summer. I was reading when she called.
e.	His two children slept in the same bedroom. His children were sleeping at 10 o'clock.
f.	I was driving home when I saw her. I drove home after I picked her up.
g.	Carl apologized to his parents for being late. Carl was apologizing to his parents when I came in the room.
h.	We were studying when my dad brought us cookies. We studied Italian in school, but we can't speak it.
i.	Vera made chicken soup for all her friends. Vera was making soup when we visited her.
j.	He was waiting for the train when she texted him. He waited one hour for the train this morning.

