

4 Grammar consolidation

Past continuous: affirmative and negative

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

James was having (have) a party.

- 1 My friends _____ (dance).
- 2 Kirsty _____ (listen) to the music.
- 3 Mark _____ (talk) to Nick.
- 4 I _____ (play) a game.



2 Correct the information in the sentences. Use the past continuous and the words in brackets.

He was swimming in the sea. (in the pool) He wasn't swimming in the sea. He was swimming in the pool.

- 1 My brother was fighting with my sister. (my cousin) _____
- 2 My friends were watching a western. (a thriller) _____
- 3 I was reading the newspaper. (a comic) _____
- 4 My mum was driving the car. (my dad) _____

Past continuous: questions and short answers

3 Write the questions. Then write the short answers.

your teacher / feel angry? (X)

Was your teacher feeling angry?

No, he wasn't.

1 your aunt / smile? (✓)

2 you / walk to school at 8 am? (X)

3 your brother / have dinner at 9 pm? (X)

4 you and your friends / listen to music? (✓)

Past simple and past continuous

4 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

I was moving my bed when I saw a mouse.

- 1 _____ I was carrying my brother, I dropped him.
- 2 My cat fell _____ it was jumping from a tree.
- 3 _____ it started to rain, my dad was building a fire.
- 4 We found some wild mushrooms _____ we were looking for fruit.

5 Circle the correct words.

My sister was sitting on the chair when it **broke** / was breaking.

- 1 The sun **shone** / was shining when we left the house.
- 2 The teacher came into the classroom while we **played** / were playing football.
- 3 My friends were standing at the bus stop when they **saw** / were seeing Rafa Nadal.
- 4 We got lost while we **hiked** / were hiking in the mountains.