

## **LANGUAGE FOCUS** • Past continuous: affirmative and negative

I can describe what was happening when a photograph was taken.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Then check your answers in the text on page 46.

was wasn't were weren't

- 1 The little girl .....smiling nicely.
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ playing with the toy.
- 3 She ..... making toys with ice-cream sticks.
- 4 Some people .....singing.
- 5 They ..... making decorations from tyres and bottles.
- **2** Look at the sentences in exercise 1. Then choose the correct words in the Rules.

## RULES

- 1 We use the past continuous to talk about a finished action / an action in progress in the past.
- 2 We form the past continuous with **did** / was (were) and the -ing / base form of the verb.
- 3 We form the negative of the past continuous with wasn't (weren't) / didn't and the base / -ing form of the verb.
- 3 Complete the text using the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Photographer David Slater 1..... (visit) Sulawesi, an island in Indonesia. He 2..... (photograph) the monkeys there and they ³..... (jump) all over his camera and camera bag. One of the bravest monkeys 4..... (play) with the camera, and it took a photo. The monkey took over 100 photos that day, but the one that became a classic was this photo: the monkey 5......(smile) when he took the selfie.

Write true sentences about today. Use the affirmative or negative form of the past continuous.

I / sleep / at 8.30 a.m. I wasn't sleeping at 8.30 a.m.

- 1 my dad / work / 9 a.m.
- 2 my friends / walk / to school at 8 a.m.
- 3 it / rain / early this morning
- 4 1 / ride / my bike / at 8.15 a.m.
- 5 My family / sleep / at 5 a.m.
- 5 USE IT! Work in pairs. Look at the photo and imagine you saw the event. Describe what was happening. Use the questions to help you.



- 1 Where did the event happen?
- 2 What were you doing when you saw this?
- 3 What were the children doing?
- 4 What was the girl in blue T-shirt doing?



## Finished?

Finish the monkey's story: 'I was sitting in a tree in Indonesia one day ...'