

Unit 4. Lesson 7

Past continuous tense

Exercise 1 – Fill in the blanks

Fill in the blanks with the past continuous form of the verbs given in brackets.

1. The children ____ hide and seek in the park. (play)
2. They ____ to the movies. (go)
3. I ____ the book you gave me on my birthday. (read)
4. Winnie ____ her new dress. (stitch)
5. The dogs ____ all night. (bark)
6. Ron ____ his room when he heard the noise. (clean)
7. It ____ darker with each passing moment. (get)
8. The gardener ____ the lawn. (water)
9. The army ____ to Ladakh when the enemy attacked them. (go)
10. My sister ____ a Royal Enfield yesterday. (ride)
11. The students ____ on their assignments. (work)
12. That boy ____ in class. (dance)
13. The kid ____ television all evening. (watch)
14. The girl ____ to rock music. (listen)
15. The birds ____ in the sky. (fly)

Exercise 2 – Change into the past continuous tense

Read the following sentences and change them into the past continuous tense.

1. Raj drinks coffee.
2. Sweta is singing her favourite song.
3. Siraj left home.
4. My friends played on the field.
5. I will be going to France.
6. The boy cried all night.
7. The cat ran in the streets.
8. I performed at the school function.
9. The parrot talked back.

10. Tia will visit her granny.

Exercise 3. Look at the picture. Write sentences about what the people in the park were doing last Saturday.



1. The boys were playing with their dogs.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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9. _____

WRITING TASK. Exercise 4. Tell your story.

Write about something scary that happened to you or about a past experience that you really enjoyed. Use simple past and past continuous.

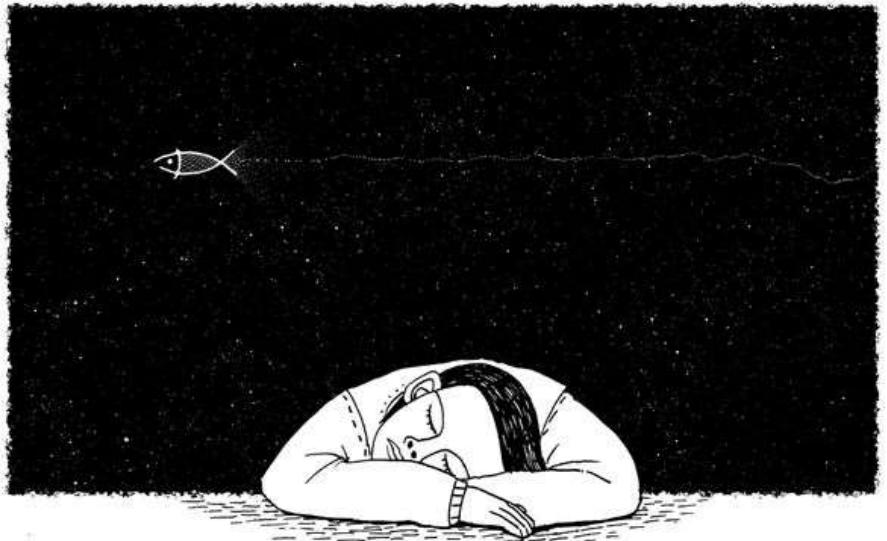
SPEAKING EXERCISES

Answer the following questions with answers in the *past continuous tense*.

Elaborate on your answers with different tenses where appropriate.

Discussion Questions:

1. What were you doing before this?
2. What were you eating at lunchtime yesterday?
3. What were you chatting about with your friends when you last talked to them?
4. What were you thinking about two minutes ago?
5. What were you wearing when you last went out at night?
6. Have you ever seen a celebrity in public? What were they doing?
7. Focus on a person that you can see. What were they doing before coming here? Can you guess?
8. What were you studying when you last felt confused?
9. What were you watching at the last cinema that you went to?
10. What were you trying to make when you last tried to bake or cook?
11. What was your father doing when he met your mother?
12. What were you lying on when you went to sleep last night?
13. How was the weather this morning?
14. What were you doing when you most recently exercised?
15. What was your mother doing when you saw her last?



16. Think about the last dream that you remember. What were you dreaming about?
17. When you started studying English, what were you hoping to do with your language skills?
18. Think about the last time that you did housework. What were you doing?
19. What were you doing at 8pm last night?
20. What weren't you doing at 8pm last night?