

Photo story

Lesson code: JQVB-DBAB-BPNM-8

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

1 Warm-up

Do you have a profile on Facebook or other social networking websites? What kind of pictures do you post?

2 Check out my photos

Listen to Kate talking about her Facebook profile pictures. Write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 under each photo.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

3 Phrases

Match the words to form phrases from the recordings.

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| 1. try on | a. a hat |
| 2. run | b. a photo |
| 3. prepare | c. a salad |
| 4. keep | d. along the beach |
| 5. take | e. fit |

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4 Past continuous

Look at the sentence from the recordings and answer the questions below.

My friend John took this photo while I was trying on a hat.

1. When did Kate start to try on the hat? Before or after John took the photo?
2. When did Kate finish trying on the hat? Before or after John took the photo?

Now study the information in the box and complete the sentences from the recordings below.

We use the **past continuous** (I was trying) when we talk about an action in progress at a specific time in the past. We use the **past simple** (took) when we talk about a finished action in the past.

To form the **past continuous**, we use **was/were + -ing**.

The **past continuous** of *work*:

affirmative forms	negative forms	questions
I was working	I wasn't working	Was I working?
You were working	You weren't working	Were you working?
He/she/it was working	He/she/it wasn't working	Was he/she/it working?
We were working	We weren't working	Were we working?
You were working	You weren't working	Were you working?
They were working	They weren't working	Were they working?

Short answers

Yes, I was. / Yes, you were. / Yes, he was ...

No, I wasn't. / No, you weren't. / No, he wasn't ...

drink

eat

prepare

run

try (x2)

watch

1. My flatmate took this photo when I _____ a really funny YouTube video. I _____ a delicious salad at the same time.
2. My friend John took this photo when I _____ a fresh orange juice in Café Claire.
3. My flatmate took this photo while I _____ a salad. She thought it was very funny to see me cook.
4. When my sister took this picture, I _____ to study. But I couldn't concentrate.
5. My friend Paul took this photo when I _____ along the beach. I _____ to keep fit.

Listen again to check your answers.

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5 Practice

Complete the sentences below with the past continuous forms of the verbs below.

drive
sleep

eat
speak

listen
watch

live
win

shine
work

1. Paul _____ TV when I called.
2. I _____ to some music when he arrived.
3. When I saw you, you _____ your new car.
4. While I _____ breakfast, the phone rang.
5. James wasn't at home when I called him. He _____ at the office.
6. Spain _____ the football match when I turned on the TV.
7. I didn't understand them. They _____ Japanese.
8. I didn't hear you come in last night because I _____ .
9. When I left for work this morning, the sun _____ .
10. I met them when they _____ in Italy.

6 Speaking

Look at this description of picture 6 from Ex 2: *When her sister took this photo, she was trying to study.*

Describe the photos below in the same way. Use the following phrases in their correct form.

read in the park
drink a coffee

sing in the bath
send an sms

listen to music
hike in the mountains



Alternative exercise: Talk about your own photos with your partner!