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# 2B

## That's me in the picture!

A good photograph is knowing where to stand.  
Ansel Adams,  
American photographer

**G** past continuous **V** prepositions of time and place: at, in, on **P** weak forms: was, were

### 1 VOCABULARY at, in, on

**a** Complete the sentences with prepositions of time: at, in, or on.

- This photo shows me in Berlin in February – it was really cold.
- Henri Cartier-Bresson was born in 1908, and he died in August 2004.
- We have an exam on Monday morning.
- We never get any snow in the winter.
- Our flight is leaving on Wednesday at 9.30 in the evening and arriving on Thursday at 12.00.
- In the UK, offices are closed on Christmas and on New Year's Day.
- I hate driving at night, getting up early in the morning, and working on weekends.
- On Easter, we went to Greece, and we're going again in the summer, probably the last two weeks in July.

**b** Complete the sentences with prepositions of place: at, in, or on.

- We took some great photos at the party.
- I can't read books on the bus or in a car.
- We want to put some shelves on the wall in the living room. We're going to put all our old books on the shelves.
- My family are from Ireland, but we live in New York, on the 11th floor of a tall building.
- I'll meet you at the station.
- The children all sat on the floor.
- They spent the morning in the museum and then went for a walk in the park.
- I met my boyfriend at school.

**c** Complete the phrases with at, in, or on.

- at work
- in 1948
- in Amsterdam
- on 9<sup>th</sup> May
- on Saturday and Sunday
- at the bus stop
- at the table
- at 7.15

**d** Match the beginnings of the sentences 1–8 to the endings in **c**.

- I think Jen's birthday is d on 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- Between 9.00 and 5.00, my dad's usually c at home.
- I usually get up a at 7.00.
- The office is closed b on Christmas and New Year's Day.
- I come from Brussels, but I live e in London.
- My grandfather was born f in 1920.
- I saw you yesterday. You were waiting g at the bus stop.
- There's a letter for you. I put it h on the table.

### 2 GRAMMAR past continuous

**a** Complete the sentences with a verb from the list in the correct past continuous form.

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- Amy was walking in the park at 10.30 yesterday.
- Were you and Jack working in the same office when you first met?
- Why didn't you answer the phone last night? What was happening?
- It was raining when I left home this morning.
- I was living in Prague in 2017.
- I dropped my passport when I was walking into the taxi.

**b** Write sentences with *when*. Use the past simple and past continuous.

- Tommy / fall off his bike / cycle home  
Tommy fell off his bike when he was cycling home.
- Mark / talk on the phone / get a text  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The children / play computer games / the visitors arrive  
\_\_\_\_\_
- We / have a barbecue / it start to rain  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I / write a report / my computer crash  
\_\_\_\_\_

- c The police are at an art gallery because someone stole a famous painting at 5.30 yesterday afternoon. What were the people in the pictures doing at the time? Write sentences.

What were you doing at 5.30 yesterday afternoon?



- 1 clean Gallery 6  
I was cleaning Gallery 6



- 2 try to find the exit  
We \_\_\_\_\_



- 3 close the windows  
I \_\_\_\_\_



- 4 wash the coffee cups  
We \_\_\_\_\_



- 5 count the money  
I \_\_\_\_\_



- 6 What were you doing at 5.30 yesterday?  
I \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 PRONUNCIATION weak forms: was, were

- a Read the sentences. Are **was** and **were** stressed or unstressed? Write **S** for stressed and **U** for unstressed.

- My mum took this photo when we **were** travelling in Malaysia. U
- We met our new neighbours yesterday – they **weren't** very friendly. \_\_\_\_
- What **were** you doing when I phoned you? \_\_\_\_
- A **Was** Matt at home last night? \_\_\_\_  
B No, he **wasn't**. \_\_\_\_
- A It **was** a great party. \_\_\_\_  
B **Was** it at Kim's house? \_\_\_\_  
A Yes, it **was**. \_\_\_\_
- There **were** lots of people at the supermarket. \_\_\_\_

- b 2.2 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.