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Loch is the Scottish Gaelic word for 'lake'. Loch Ness is in the north of Scotland not far from Inverness. The loch is 230 m deep – it's the second deepest loch in Scotland – 36 km long and nearly 3 km wide. There's more water in Loch Ness than all the water in all the lakes in England and Wales. That's a lot of water for something to hide in!

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The weather around the loch changes quickly. One minute it's sunny, the next it's cloudy, the next there's a bit of rain, and then it's sunny again. It can be a windy place, too. Clouds move quickly through the sky and on sunny days the clouds make shadows on the water. It's easy to think you see something in the water. When it's foggy, the fog sits on the loch and it's possible to think you see things then too.

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The story of the Loch Ness Monster, or 'Nessie', started about 1,500 years ago. Then people called it a giant water animal. In the 1930s, a new road beside the loch brought more people to the area and more people started to see more strange things. In fact, over 1,000 people think they saw a strange animal in the loch.

There are several photos of some of the strange animals. Could any of them be Nessie?

**UNIT 15****PAST CONTINUOUS**

<b>Positive</b>	I/He/She/It <b>was eating</b> dinner. You/We/They <b>were playing</b> football.
<b>Negative</b>	I/He/She/It <b>wasn't (was not) sleeping</b> . You/We/They <b>weren't (were not) helping</b> .
<b>Questions</b>	What <b>was</b> I/he/she/it <b>doing</b> at 8 am? What <b>were</b> you/we/they <b>watching</b> on TV? <b>Was</b> I/he/she/it <b>playing</b> computer games? <b>Were</b> you/we/they <b>listening</b> to music?
<b>Short answers</b>	Yes, I/he/she/it <b>was</b> . No, he/she/it <b>wasn't</b> . Yes, you/we/they <b>were</b> . No, you/we/they <b>weren't</b> .

We use the **past continuous** to talk about activities happening at a moment in the past.

*I was watching TV, my parents were working and my brother was playing football yesterday afternoon.*

## Practice

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 At 6 pm, I *was doing* / *were doing* my homework.
- 2 My dad *was cooking* / *were cooking* our dinner.
- 3 Yesterday afternoon, we *wasn't playing* / *weren't playing* tennis.
- 4 Yesterday afternoon, you *wasn't wearing* / *weren't wearing* your new cap.
- 5 My friends *wasn't having* / *weren't having* lunch at 1 pm.
- 6 We *was climbing* / *were climbing* a tree on Saturday morning.

2 Complete the paragraph with the past continuous form of the verbs in the box.

cry    listen    make    not sleep    not watch  
rain    read    sit    surf

This morning, my dad <sup>0</sup>*was making* breakfast. The baby was hungry and he <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. My big sister was in her bedroom. She <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_; she <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a magazine. My mum and my older brother <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the internet. My little sister <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in her favourite chair, but she <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ TV. My younger brother <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to loud music. There were clouds in the sky and it <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I decided to stay at home.

3 Write complete questions in the past continuous. Then write short answers.

*At 10 am yesterday,*

0 it / snow? (X)

*Was it snowing?*

*No it wasn't.*

1 your friends / ride their bikes? (✓)

2 you / shop with your friends? (✓)

3 your mum / work? (X)

4 I / have a shower? (X)

5 you and your friends / swim in the lake? (✓)

**4** Put the words in order to make questions.  
Then write answers that are true for you.

**0** yesterday at 11 am / you / were /  
sleeping / ?

*Were you sleeping yesterday at 11 am?*

*No, I wasn't. I was studying at school.*

**1** were / doing / you / at 8 am this  
morning / what / ?

**2** blue socks / you / were / wearing /  
yesterday / ?

**3** after school yesterday / watching / a  
film / were / you and your friends / ?

**4** raining / was / it / yesterday evening / ?

**5** on Saturday morning / what / your  
friends / doing / were / ?