

PAST CONTINUOUS: was/ were & -ing form

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9. When I (meet) Phil last week, he (ride) his new mountain bike.

10. Last weekend we (walk) in the mountains when Sue (fall) over a stone and (hurt) her knee.

11. Sandy (play) the guitar and Linda (sing)

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