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Work sheet 04.

Past Progressive or past continuous tense is made with WAS/ WERE + ING

Eg: The sun was shining

The birds were singing

Task 1

Complete the sentences using the words given in the box .

pool, garden, cricket, History , movie

- 1.) The kids **were playing** in the _____ when it suddenly began to rain.
- 2.) While Amal **was working** in his room his friends were swimming in the _____.
- 3.) When I arrived home they **were playing** _____.
- 4.) I **was getting** ready to watch a _____.
- 5.) Last evening we **were studying** _____.

Task 2 Complete the dialogue using the utterances given in the box.

- Abdul : -Hello, Dinesh where were you when I called you last night?
- Dinesh : -In the kitchen with my father . _____
- Abdul : -Really, what were you cooking ?
- Dinesh : - _____
- Abdul : -I hope you two were enjoying your time together.
- Dinesh : - _____
- Abdul : -By the way , have you finished your project?
- Dinesh : - _____
- Abdul : -Anyway, I'll come to meet you tomorrow.
- Dinesh : - _____

- a) Yes, we were having a lot of fun while we were cooking
- b) Sure, bye then
- c) We were cooking dinner
- d) Not yet
- e) A special dish for my mother's birthday.

Task 3

Match the questions with their relevant answers.

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| 1) I didn't see you today. Where were you? | a) I was trying to finish my project . |
| 2) Was she waiting for anybody? | b) I was playing in the playground. |
| 3) What were you doing on the beach? | c) They were discussing about a drama. |
| 4) What were you doing during the past few days | d) We were collecting empty tins, and bottles to bury. |
| 5) What were they doing ? | e) Yes, she was waiting for her child. |

Task 4

Change the following utterances into past continuous tense. (This is about a hike some friends had planned sometimes back).

1. "We are planning to go on a hike."
2. "I am preparing a programme with all the things we are going to do."
3. "We are getting ready for any situation"
4. "We are packing the bags."
5. "We are planning to go on a ten mile hike."
6. "It is going to rain."
7. "I am going to carry two bags."
8. "Kamal is looking forward to go there."
9. But he couldn't . "His mother is suffering from Dengue."
10. "Our parents are waiting for us, near the foot of the mountain."

Task 5 Study the picture and complete the text appropriately. .



People middle swing balloons ball park girl tree snacks rope

Last Sunday evening we were in the Mirrissa park. There were many 1)..... Some children were playing with a 2)..... while some others were skipping with a 3) Two children were swinging while one was waiting for the 4)..... . A family was sitting under a 5) and they were having 6) Two children with their father were buying some 7) A small boy and a 8.) were talking at one corner of the 9) A family in the 10) of the park was looking for a place to relax. All were having an enjoyable time in the park that evening.

Task 6 Match A and B of the sentence and complete it.

- | A | B |
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| 1) I was watching television | a. when a vehicle knocked him down. |
| 2) He was crossing the road | b. when the lights went out. |
| 3) She was wearing a new frock | c. because it was her birthday. |
| 4) The baby was crying. | d. because he wanted to go out. |
| 5) He was closing the gate behind | e. because he was having many patients. |
| 6) The doctor was busy | f. because it was hungry. |
| 7) The night watchman was not sleeping | g. as he was expected to safeguard the hostel. |
| 8) Somebody called him | h. so he stayed indoors. |
| 9) It was raining | i. when he was getting into his car. |
| 10) The dog was missing | j. though it was in the kennel . |

Task 7

Underline the correct preposition.

1. Sonia was waiting _____ the bus. (for/ on)
2. Jayani was sleeping _____ 8 o'clock. (in/ by)
3. Though it was raining we went _____ the cinema last night. (to/ for)
4. When I was walking _____ the street I met an old friend. (at/ along)
5. When we were waiting _____ the platform the train reached to the station. (in / on)

Task 8

Complete the blanks using the suitable pronouns given below.

Me	you	we,	her	I	us	my	you
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One day I fell asleep in the bus. A sudden push woke me up. When _____ opened my eyes I saw a nice lady who was looking at _____. Her face was beaming with a friendly smile. I asked her," Do _____ know me?" and she said,"yes, we were learning in the same grade"."Can't _____ remember? I was sitting beside you in Grade 3 when _____ were studying at Gothami Balika Vidyalaya". While we were chatting, I saw a pregnant lady who was standing near _____. I got up quickly and offered her _____ seat and she accepted it with a grateful smile in _____ face.

Task 9

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.

the	brightly	a	ran	some	bath	beach	ball	we	sisters	in
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It was a bright Sunday morning. We were at the (1)_____ with our friends. My (2)_____ were making sand castles(3)_____ others were playing beach (4)_____. The sun was shining (5)_____ at that moment and(6)_____ tourists were having sun 7)_____. All of a sudden (8) _____ heard a loud noise. (9)_____ boy was drowning (10)_____ the sea. My brother 11))_____ fast and jumped into the water and rescued the boy.

Task 10

Select a word from the box which has a similar meaning to the word/phrase given within brackets and write it in the space provided.

bitterly, resume, keenly, gleaming, assigned, lying, decorated, written, ruined

It was a lovely morning, the sun was shining and the birds were singing in the trees while everyone was talking and laughing, little Anna was playing with her doll in the verandah.

Since the new year was approaching some people were being(1) _____(to give someone a job) to paint our house. They had stopped their work for afternoon tea and after sometimes I saw them going to(2)_____ (start something again) their work.

Suddenly we heard a loud cry. When we rushed to the scene we saw Anna was(3)_____ (put one's body on a flat position) on the floor and she was crying(4)_____ (shows the extreme anger). When we inquired she said," I was drawing some pictures on the wall and these uncles told me that I had (5)_____ (something that is destroyed) their day's work".

The walls which were (5)_____ (shiny, clean and looking new) with beautiful white colour were (6)_____ (put paper or paint on the walls) by various shapes of art by her. She had used a piece of cinder to draw them.

"Oh, they are beautiful my child. I'll buy some pastels and a drawing book for you", told father. When we were looking at Anna, She stood up and picked her doll and walked behind our father with a nice smile on her face .

Task 11

There are mistakes in each sentence given below. Rewrite them in past continuous tense correcting the mistake.

1) What are you doing yesterday at seven p.m.?

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2) When I got up this morning the sun is shining and birds are singing.

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3) Priyangi is dancing, but when she sees me she stopped.

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4) Why didn't you come? We all are waiting for you?







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5) Somebody knocked at the door while I am having my lunch.

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Task 12

Write what were the people in the pictures doing yesterday morning.

 <p>Soniya</p>	 <p>Nadee and Rosi</p>
 <p>Father</p>	 <p>Maji</p>
 <p>Grandfather</p>	 <p>My brother.....</p>

Task 13

Read the following text and answer the questions given below it.

Yesterday, it was raining and thundering all day. Dinu was playing inside the house. She wanted to be outside. She wasn't playing outside because it was raining. She was feeling tired of being trapped inside the house.

Dinu was trying to keep herself busy inside the house. She was doing her homework until she got bored. Then, she'd decided to practice singing. She was practising singing until lunch time. After lunch, she sat in front of the television and watched cartoons.

While Dinu was watching cartoons, the phone rang. Her mother was calling to say she was coming home early. She was bringing a new pet. Dinu and her mother gave some food to the pet and played with it in the afternoon. While they were playing the rain stopped. But Dinu didn't even notice. She was having such a good time with her pet.

- 1) a). Where was Dinu playing yesterday?
- b). Why wasn't she playing outside?
- 2) What was she doing before the electricity went out?
- 3) What was she doing after practicing singing?
- 4) At the end of the story the rain stopped. What was Dinu doing?
- 5) When were they playing with the dog?

Task 14

Read the poem and answer the given questions.

Five Sisters

Five little sisters walking in a row;
 Now, isn't that the best way for little girls to go?
 Each had a round hat, each had a muff,
 And each had a new pelisse of soft green stuff.
 Five little marigolds standing in a row;
 Now, isn't that the best way for marigolds to grow?
 Each with a green stalk, and all five had got
 A bright yellow flower, and a new red pot.

Kate Greenway

- 1) Who were walking?.....
- 2) How many were walking?.....
- 3) How were they walking?
- 4) Who were standing ?.....
- 5) How many were standing?
- 6) How were they standing?.....