

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

-is used when somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time. The action or situation has already started before this time but hadn't finished. (Eg: This time last week I was on holiday.)

-describe background scenes in a story: It was snowing and the town was white and peaceful.

-when an action was interrupted by another action. The longer action is in the past progressive and the shorter is in Simple past. (when, as, while)

Affirmative and negative form:

I/He/She/It was +V+ing

I/He/She/it was not+V+ing (wasn't)

We/You/They were+ V+ing

We/You/They were not+V+ing (weren't)

Questions and short answers

Was I/He/She /It +V +ing?

Yes, I/He/She /it was.

No, I/He/She /it wasn't.

Were we/you/they + V+ing

Yes, we/you/they were.

No, we/vou/they weren't.

REMEMBER: Verb + ING

Verb+ ing: read- reading

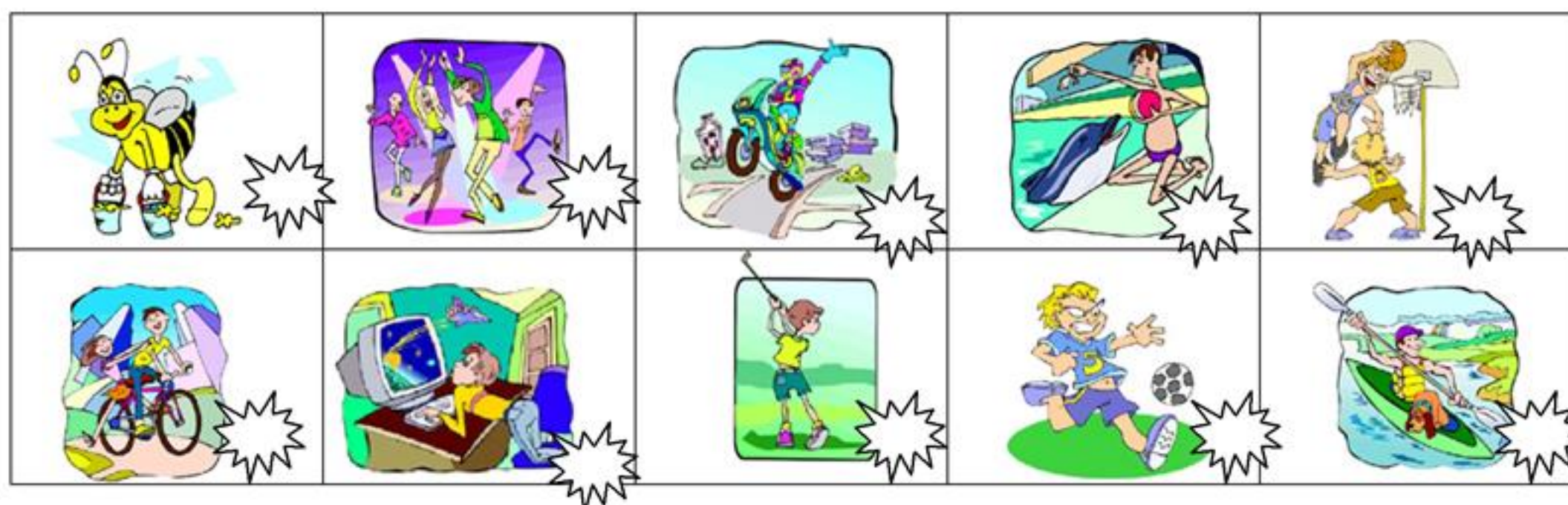
do- doing

-e+ing: write- writing (-e)
make- making

- 1 vowel before 1

consonant: stop- stopping,
run- running

-y+ ing: enjoy- enjoying,
study- studying



1. Match the pictures with the sentences and use the correct verb form.

1. Mike and Harry _____ basketball in the gym at 5 p.m.
2. Harold _____ on the river yesterday afternoon.
3. Jack and Eve _____ a bike in the town.
4. Bee _____ some honey.
5. Mike _____ the dolphin with some fish.
6. Leo _____ golf in the park at 3 p.m.
7. Peter _____ football with his friends.
8. They _____ in the Moonlight Bar yesterday evening.
9. He _____ an interesting computer games .
10. I _____ a motorbike around the city on Monday.

2. Complete the sentences with the Past progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. What _____ (you/say)? We _____ (not listen) to you.
2. The children _____ (watch) a new film when their mother got home last night.
3. What _____ (he/do) while you _____ (skate)?
4. It _____ (snow) while we _____ (paint) the car in the garage.
5. The dog _____ (not bark) at a thief. It _____ (bark) at a cat.
6. At 9 O'clock Mrs. Gold _____ (cook) dinner.

3. Speak and write what was Eddie doing at ...?

3 p.m

7 p.m

8a.m. Sunday morning

at the weekend

