

Activities: Past Continuous active

Alibi	Miss Marple... <i>what were you doing at 8pm</i>
Disasters/ current affairs	<i>What were you doing when-</i> works well with current affairs
Board game...I was sleeping when esl-galaxy.com	<i>I was looking for my cat....when I stepped on vomit</i> Board game has plenty of practice (A2 upwards – some items need pre-teaching but not many).
While x4 Teaching Grammar creatively 2.10	While <i>I was having breakfast I was thinking about my boss. While the traffic was crawling along, while I was thinking about the pile of work waiting for me etc.</i> Last line is provided: I am always ahead of my time!
Impromptu story Teaching Grammar creatively 2.8	Modified- T. starts by saying 'woods'- next person has to say an associated word. Goes on in a circle until a list of words is established eg. Woods, squirrel, high tree, wind, ocean. This can be developed into a story or using the same idea- T starts with one word S/S build a sentence with an associated idea. In 2.8 S/S shout out the words and the T. makes the sentences.
Fishy Stories Hadfield Advanced Communication Games	Combines times and activities on cards e.g 11.15 and parachuting. <i>What were you doing at...S/s</i> has to give a convincing explanation using sequence connectives e.g. <i>before, because</i>
When did we meet and what were we doing? Penny Ur page 210	Work sheets with day schedules for 4 people - S/s try to identify where they met. E.g. <i>What time did you leave the nature reserve? What were you doing at 3pm?</i>
Opposites Grammar in Action page 46	Ask S/s to write down some opposites and jot them down. T. gives a sentence including one set of opposites, S/s have to 'reverse' them.
A trip to remember Creative writing Frank and Rinvolucrici page 20	This activity generates the text using the senses- and can nicely combined with the past continuous: <i>the wind was blowing and I saw the seagulls, smelt the salt, heard the crash of the surf and felt exhilarated.</i>
So embarrassing Straight Forward Pre- Int. 2C	Worksheet for A/B. <i>I saw you last night! You were....use prompt- have to say why they were doing such a strange thing. e.g. wearing a gorilla costume</i>