

Language Check

5.  Look at the chart. Then watch the Language Check.

The past continuous
Affirmative
That morning, several guards were working in the gallery.
Negative
The police weren't looking in the right place.
The past continuous and the simple past
When the police arrived , the guards were looking for the painting.
Suddenly, while the police were investigating the crime, a mysterious caller contacted a local newspaper.

6. Complete the statements with the past continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

- The police were asking a lot of questions. (ask)
- The detective _____ a serious crime. (investigate)
- The thief _____ outside the gallery. (not wait)
- We _____ a TV program about the robbery last night. (watch)
- The police _____ the correct information to solve the crime. (not get)
- I _____ an interesting report about the crime. (read)

7. Complete the statements with the correct words.

- The thief was working in the gallery, when he stole / **was stealing** the painting.
- While the police were investigating the crime, someone **was calling** / **called** a newspaper.
- The thief **escaped** / **was escaping**, while the police were looking for evidence.
- We **were walking** / **walked** around an art gallery one day, when the alarm bell rang.
- The man was trying to sell the jewelry, when the police **were catching** / **caught** him.
- I **was watching** / **watched** the news on TV, when I heard about the bank robbery.

About You!

8. Answer the questions about you.

- Who is your favorite artist?
- What kind of art do you enjoy looking at?
- Do you think the Mona Lisa is a beautiful painting?
Why / Why not?
