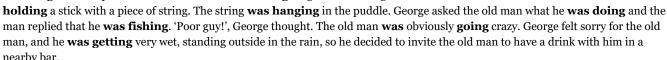


## **B6.** Fishing in the rain

## past continuous

It was a cold dark evening in February in the city. It was raining heavily and the roads were covered in water. George was leaving his office after work when he noticed a poor old man. The man was standing next to a puddle in the road. He was wearing long rubber fishing boots and he was



George ordered a drink for himself and bought one for the old man. The old man **was smiling** happily as he was drinking. While they **were finishing** their drinks, George tried to start a conversation. He turned to the old man and asked,

'So is the fishing good today?'

'Not bad today, thanks.' replied the old man.

'And how many have you caught?'

'You're the eighth,' the old man answered.

## **Grammar: past continuous**

We use the **past continuous** form to describe the background events in a story. It is often used to talk about the weather, to describe what people were wearing and to talk about actions which were in progress at the beginning of the story.

We were wearing very smart clothes because we were going to a wedding.

The sun **was shining** and Helen **was feeling** very happy.

We often use the time expressions *as* and *while* with the past continuous form to show that the two things were happening at the same time.

I was cleaning the apartment while you were drinking in the bar. It was raining heavily as I was walking home.

## Match the questions with the answers.

A. water

A. string

**3.** I bought some

B. rain

B. stick

4. It started to rain so we went into a

materi the questions with th	c answers.			
1. How did you break your leg?				A. Having lunch.
2. What was the weather like w	<b>B.</b> Quite nervous.			
3. What was he wearing when y	ou last saw him?			C. I was skiing.
4. What were they doing when	D. Something warm and dark.			
<b>5.</b> How were you feeling while y	ou were taking the exar	m?		E. It was freezing.
6. We didn't go out in the 7. We the off 8. We arrived at the cine 9. When I first met her s 10. Mike a tr	hold lea e afternoon because it _ fice when we saw the no ma just as the film he a red dra	ave rain ote on the desk ress and black bo	wear	ntinuous form. begin
Vocabulary exercis	ses			
Choose the correct word to	complete these sente	ences.		
<ul><li>1. It was getting cold and</li><li>A. happily</li><li>B. obvious</li></ul>			lost.	

2. I wasn't wearing boots and I stepped into a very deep \_\_\_\_\_\_, so my feet got wet.

D. wet

to tie the flowers to the sticks.

D. rubber

C. puddle

C. boots

<b>5.</b> I	the girl what s	he was doing.				
A. replied	B. answered	C. said	D. asked			
noose the corre	ct verb to compl	ete these se	ntences.			
		catch	feel	order	go	invite
6 I'd like to	Mark and	d Sarah to the	narty but I	don't knor	w their n	hone numbers
	ip to the bar to			don t kno	w then p	none numbers.
•	_ sorry for Karl bed			/eek		
	; fishing next week					
<b>10.</b> My comp	outer crashed agair	ı! I think I'm	going to	craz	y!	

A. nearly

**B.** closely

C. nearby

D. near