### Verb Tense #7

#### PAST PROGRESSIVE

**When do we use this verb tense?**

to describe an action that was ongoing in the past

**How do we form this verb tense?**

Place *was/were* before the present participle (the *–ing* form of the verb).

- I *was running* to class when I fell.
- You *were talking* too fast.
- She *was sleeping* on the couch.
- We *were thinking* about our family.
- They *were driving* when it started raining.

### Practice using the past progressive verb tense with a partner.

1. **Point to a picture.**

2. Make a statement about the picture using the past progressive verb tense. Follow the example.

- They *were working* in the office before the meeting.