

	<i>Used to</i>	<i>Could</i>
<b>Affirmative</b>	When I was nine I <b>used to play</b> soccer with my friends all afternoon.	Picasso <b>could draw</b> and <b>paint</b> before he <b>could talk</b> .
<b>Negative</b>	We <b>didn't use to wear</b> a uniform in primary school.	Picasso <b>couldn't read</b> until he was eight.
<b>Interrogative (Yes / No questions)</b>	Did you <b>use to eat</b> well when you were little?	<b>Could</b> you <b>jump</b> the rope when you were three?

- Use *used to* and *didn't use to* to talk about habits or repeated actions in the past which we don't do in the present.
- After *used to* and *didn't use to* use the simple form of the verb.
- Use *could* and *couldn't* to talk about abilities in the past. After *could* and *couldn't*, use the simple form of the verb.

## Affirmative

**Subject + was / were + verb *-ing* + complement**

I / he / she / it	<b>was</b>	reading	a book.
You / we / they	<b>were</b>	watching	the game with my dad.

## Negative

**Subject + wasn't / weren't + verb *-ing* + complement**

I / he / she / it	<b>wasn't</b>	picking up	trash in the patio.
You / we / they	<b>weren't</b>	interrupting	the class this morning.

## Wh- questions and Yes / No questions

**Wh- word + was / were + subject + verb *-ing* + complement**

<b>Why</b>	was	I / he / she / it	canyoneering alone?
<b>What</b>	were	you / we / they	doing?

## Yes / No questions

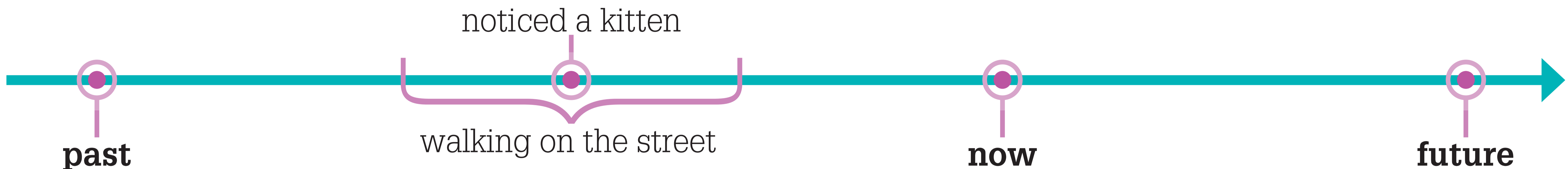
**Was** he climbing Mount Everest? **No**, he **wasn't**.

**Were** they looking for him? **Yes**, they **were**.

- The past progressive refers to an ongoing action in the past, or two simultaneous ongoing actions in the past.
- In the interrogative form, the auxiliary verb comes before the subject of the sentence.
- Short answers for *Yes / No* questions use the auxiliary verb.

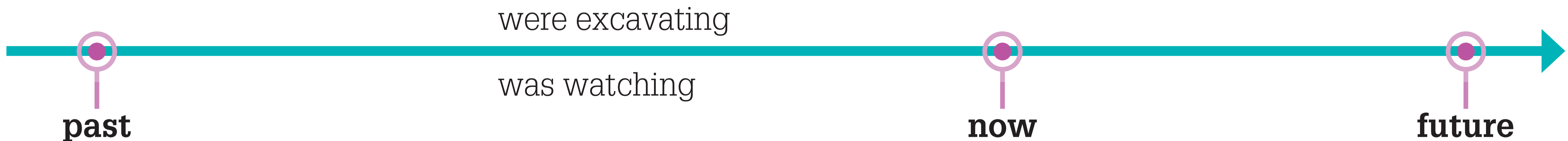
**Past progressive + *when* + simple past**

I **was** walking on the street **when** I noticed a kitten under a car.



**Past progressive + *while* + past progressive**

The experts **were** excavating **while** everyone **was** watching.



- Use the past progressive to indicate that an ongoing action in the past was interrupted by a shorter action. (This interruption uses the simple past).
- Use the past progressive with *while* to describe two ongoing actions at the same time in the past.