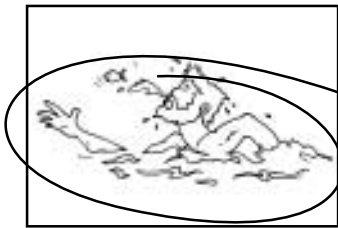


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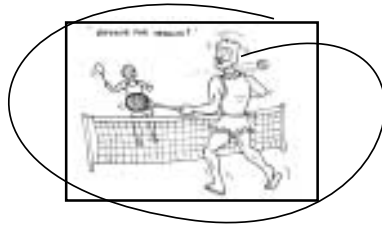
The earliest known press photographer, Papparazzides, took some photos at the first Ancient Olympic Games. What were the athletes doing? Use the verbs in the box.



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| swimming | cycling | running | wrestling |
| playing tennis | throwing the javelin | doing the high jump | playing football |
| playing basketball | throwing the discus | | |



1 *He was swimming.*



2 *They were playing tennis.*



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| • Target grammar | Past continuous |
| • Target vocabulary | Sports |
| • Type of activity | Writing – pairwork |
| • Aim or task | To write sentences about what people were doing |
| • Classroom time | 10 minutes |
| • Preparation | One copy of the worksheet for each student |

- Procedure
 - 1** Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Explain that the pictures on the sheet are photos which were taken by the earliest known photographer at the Ancient Olympics. Elicit from the students some of the sports they can see in the photos. Pre-teach *throwing the discus* and *wrestling*. The students may be surprised by some of the sports they see!
 - 2** Ask the students to look at the two captioned pictures. Elicit from them that the first one shows just one person and uses *He was ...*, and that the second one shows two people and uses *They were ...*
 - 3** Put the students into pairs. The students write captions for the other pictures. When they have finished, go through the answers.
 - 4** Students answer the question at the bottom of the page.

- Follow up

Write the following on the board:

6.30 pm yesterday/you
9.00 pm yesterday/your parents
3.00 pm last Sunday/your friends
8.00 am this morning/you

Ask the students to draw a picture illustrating what they were doing at each of these times. They show their pictures to a partner who says what was happening. For example, *At 6.30 pm yesterday you were having dinner.*

- Answers
 - 3 He was throwing the javelin.
 - 4 He was throwing the discus.
 - 5 They were playing football.
 - 6 He was doing the high jump.
 - 7 They were running.
 - 8 They were wrestling.
 - 9 They were playing basketball.
 - 10 He was cycling.