

# Past Progressive

## Uses of the past progressive

1. To describe actions were in progress at special time in the past.
  - Example: He was reading a book yesterday evening.
2. To describe actions that were in progress at the same time in the past, but these actions don't influence each other.
  - Example: He was running while she was reading a book.
3. Is typically used together Past Simple to describe an action in progress when another action happened.
  - Example: While we were having dinner, my father came.

## Grammar Structure

*Affirmative: Subject + was/were + Ving + Complement*

*Negative: Subject + was/were + not + Ving + Complement*

*Interrogative: Wh + was/were + Subject + Ving - Complement + ?*

## Spelling rules

To form the Past Progressive, we use the Past Simple of the verb ToBe followed by the "ing" form of the main verb. Be careful with the rules

1. If the verb ends with "e", we replace it with "ing"
  - Example: Work => working
2. "vowel + consonant" we double the consonant and add "ing"
  - Example: Run => running
3. If the verb ends with "ie", we replace it with "y" and add "ing"
  - Example: Lie => Lying

# Examples

## Affirmative

1. They were speaking loudly.
2. Yesterday I was taking a shower while my brothers were having breakfast.
3. Today I was sleeping when the phone rang.

## Negative

1. They weren't speaking loudly.
2. Yesterday I wasn't taking a shower while my brothers were having breakfast
3. Today I wasn't sleeping when the phone rang

## Interrogative

1. Were they speaking loudly?
2. Was I taking a shower yesterday while my brothers were having breakfast?
3. Where were you living before you bought your own home?