

## 4. Emphasizing how long a past action took

You can also use the past continuous tense to emphasize how long an action took and highlight just how much time was spent doing it. This form usually uses adverb phrases that explain the length of time, such as:

- all morning/afternoon/evening
- all day/night
- all week/month/ year
- for hours/days/weeks/months/years
- the whole time



*"We **were training all year** for the hackathons."*

*"I **was trying** to complete this project **for months**."*

## 5. Setting the background for a story

When telling a story (or writing one), you can use the past continuous tense to "set the scene," or describe exactly what was happening at the beginning of your story. We use the past continuous tense because these actions were, presumably, already happening before the story began.

*"Everybody **was working** when the blackout happened."*

*"During the development phase, I **wasn't utilizing** the latest frameworks."*



## 2- Look at the sentences and choose the correct option:

1. We **were conducting/ were conduct** a team meeting to discuss project updates and assign tasks.
2. Yesterday, I **am not coding/ wasn't coding** a new feature for the application.
3. **Was/ Were** she **collaborating/ collaborated** with the design team on the user interface?
4. They **were tested/ were testing** the application on various devices to ensure compatibility.
5. While debugging the software, I **weren't encountering/ wasn't encountering** any critical errors.
6. While working remotely, **were/ was** you **face/ facing** any connectivity issues?

