

- PAST PROGRESSIVE -

- PAST CONTINUOUS -

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THE PAST CONTINUOUS:

The past continuous, also called past progressive, is used to refer to an action that was continuous at a particular time in the past.



WHAT IS IT?

Yesterday, Liza and Jim played tennis. They began at 10:00 and finished at 11:30.

So at 11:00, they were playing tennis.

They were playing="they were in the middle of playing." They had not finished yet.

Was/were playing is the past continuous.



FORMULA

The past continuous is formed as follows:

to be in the simple past + verb + ing



THE AFFIRMATIVE FORM:

I, he, she, it	was	playing.
you, we, they	were	playing.



1. Yesterday evening **I was watching** a film, when someone knocked on the door.
2. This morning **I was revising** my lessons when my father came in.
3. **Jim and Liza were playing** tennis yesterday at 11:00.
4. My mom **was hiding** my dad's gift when he arrived.



THE NEGATIVE FORM:

I, he, she, it	was not/wasn't	playing.
you, we, they	were not/weren't	playing.

1. I wasn't reading a book yesterday evening; I was watching a film.
2. My mother wasn't preparing dinner; she was working on the computer.
3. We weren't playing cards.
4. I wasn't paying attention.

THE INTERROGATIVE FORM:

Was	I, he, she, it	playing?
Were	you, we, they	playing?

1. What were you doing yesterday evening?
2. And what was your mother doing?
3. Where were you going, this morning at 7:30?
4. What were Jim and Liza doing?

THE USE OF THE PAST CONTINUOUS:

We use the past continuous to say that somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time in the past.

Example:

"This time yesterday, I was doing my homework."

We use the past continuous to say that something happened in the middle of something else:

Example:

"Bob burnt his hand when he was cooking dinner yesterday"

"While I was working in the garden, I hurt my back."



CONVERSATION

-Hi good morning

-Hi, were you just finishing the book for this week?

-Yes, I was struggling this week because I didn't have enough time to do it.

-It's ok, you don't have to worry, I was also reading the last part. I loved the end of the book.

-I know right. When the shark came out of nowhere!!!!!!

-The protagonist was running away so he wouldn't die jajajajaja.

-I also liked the part when they were driving in the night. So beautiful.

-Do you think that the group wasn't fighting to get time to read?

-Probably. This week was battling for all of us.

-The finals exams are very close.

-Did you weren't writing the last class of math?

-No, the class was so boring.

-I know, it's like the teacher didn't even knew what was he talking about.

Anyway. What where you doing yesterday afternoon?

Really? Did you just forget that we were presenting here at the classroom?

Oh sorry. I was wondering why I couldn't remember that.

So what **was happening** that made you forget the presentation?

It's probably nothing, this week **was making** me feel really exhausted.

Nick's terrible day



PAST CONTINUOUS

Complete the sentences and match them to the pictures.

1 He _____ the guitar when his mom came home. (play)

2 Martin _____ his classmate homework when the teacher saw him. (copy)

3 My sister _____ when she came home from school. (cry)

4 A bad boy _____ a younger student after school. (bully)

5 They _____ dinner at home last night. (have)

6 My mom _____ the violin at nine last night. (practice)

7 The students _____ when the principal arrived. (fight)

8 They _____ their cell phones in class yesterday. (use)

9 He _____ graffiti when the teacher saw him. (spray)

10 John _____ on the exam. (cheat)



THANKS
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