Past Continuous

1. Actions that were in progress at a special time in the past.

→ I was studying for my English exam at 11 o'clock last Saturday.

To be + action with the ing form

♦ Peter and his friends were playing soccer this time last Sunday.

To be + action with the ing form

2. Repeated actions over a past period of time.

★ Last summer Tony was practicing the guitar three times a day.

To be + action with the ing form

♦ My friends were chatting every day.

To be + action with the ing form

- 3. Something changes or grows.
- ♦ I was in hurry to get school because it was getting late. (the time was changing).

To be + action with the ing form

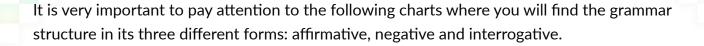
♦ My plants were growing quickly last spring.

To be + action with the ing form

Note: we often use one auxiliary with more than one ing form if the subject of the verbs remains the same.

★ The boy and the girl were sitting in the car, just staring at each other.

To be + action with the ing form



In most of the verbs you add ing

- Cooking

But in some cases you have to change the verb.

Verbs ending in: consonant + vowel + consonant, double the final letter

- run > run**ning**
- plan > pla**ning**

Verbs ending in "e": you delete "e" and add ing

- come > coming make > making

Affirmative				
Subject	Past form to be	Action + ing	Complement	
I	was			
You	were			
He				
She	was	watching	a horror movie last night.	
It		watering	a norror movie last riight.	
We				
You	were			
They				

Negative					
Subject	Past form to be	Action + ing	Complement		
I	was not				
You	were not				
He					
She	was not	watching	a horror movie last night.		
It		Watering	a norror movie last riight.		
We					
You	were not				
They					

Interrogative					
Past form to be	Subject	Action + ing	Complement		
Was	I	watch ing			
Were	you				
Was	he		a horror movie last night?		
	she				
	it				
Were	we				
	you				
	they				



Yes,	I	
	he	was.
	she	
	it	
No,	we	
	you	weren't.
	you they	

Example:

- Were you working yesterday afternoon?
 Yes, I was.
- Was Mr. Garcia studying all night? No, he wasn't.

You can also make questions to get more information. Just add wh- at the beginning of the interrogative sentence.

Example:

- Where were you working yesterday afternoon? I was working at the hospital.
- Who was driving your car last night?
 My brother was.

Note: There are certain verbs that you can't use with the past continuous. These are the **stative verbs**.

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Stative verbs

- Dislike
- Hate
- Like
- Love
- Need
- Prefer
- Want