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LE PRETERIT BE + V-ing

Observez :

They weren't talking, and they weren't eating. As if they were all suffering from a sleepless night…

→ A la forme affirmative, on ajoute **WAS / WERE** (= auxiliaire **BE** conjugué au **PRETERIT** devant le V-ing)

→ A la forme négative, on ajoute **NOT** à **WAS / WERE** .

→ A la forme interrogative, on écrit **WAS / WERE + Sujet + V-ing + ?**

Conclusion :

Le prétérit Be + V-ing permet d'évoquer *des actions encore en cours* à un certain moment du passé.

On le forme avec l'auxiliaire BE au prétérit : WAS / WERE et la BV + V-ing

Forme affirmative +	Forme négative -	Forme interrogative ?
I / he / she / it **WAS** eat**ING**	I / he / she / it **WASN'T** eat**ING**	**WAS** I / he / she / it eat**ING** ?
You / we / they **WERE** eat**ING**	You / we / they **WEREN'T** eat**ING**	**WERE** you / we / they eat**ING** ?

On peut traduire « I was eating » par **je mangeais** ou **j'étais en train de manger**.

Now, practise :

1. Conjugate these verbs in the past BE + V-ing.

a. Bella …… (talk) to her friends when Edward came in.

b. Jacob …… (not / cry) because of Bella yesterday.

c. Why …… (you / not / watch) over her ?

d. While Stefan …… (fight) a dangerous enemy, Damon tried to kiss Elena.

2. Complete these sentences using the correct verb and conjugate it in the past BE + V-*ing*: *watch / turn / think / kiss.*

a. Jenny …… the TV show on Dracula when her mother arrived.

b. Lestat …… Louis into a vampire last night. (Lestat = a man)

c. Bella …… that she might be in love with Edward.

d. …… Elena …… Stefan or Damon ?

3. Correct the grammar mistakes in these sentences. There are two mistakes in one of the sentences.

a. Bella living in Arizona for a long time.

↳ ……

b. Were you kissing edward when I arrive ?

↳ ……

c. Elena comed from Fell's Church.

↳ ……

d. Damon and Stefan was fighting again.

↳ ……

e. Did Bela Lugosi got buried in Dracula suit ?

↳ ……

4. Conjugate these verbs in the simple past or past Be +V-ing :

a. These strange teenagers …… (be) so handsome. They …… (not / look alike) but yet they …… (be) exactly all the same.

b. Bella …… (look at) them when Edward …… (turn) his face towards her.

c. Yesterday, Bonnie …… (cast) a spell while Stefan …… (feed) on Elena's blood.