

Past progressive: negative and interrogative forms

The past progressive tense also has a negative and an interrogative form that help us to deny and ask about actions that occurred in a period of time in the past and may or may not be interrupted by a different activity.

Negative form



Subject + Was/Were + Not + Verb (ing) + Object.

I was not going to school.

She wasn't sleeping with her cat on her bed.

They weren't jumping the rope in the garden.

Interrogative form



Was/Were + Subject + Verb (ing) + Object ?

Was I going to school?

Was she sleeping with her cat on her bed?

Yes, she was / No, she wasn't.

Were they jumping the rope in the garden?

Yes, they were / No, they weren't.

Wh -questions:

What
Where
Why
When
How

+ was/were + subject + verb -ing?

Answer the following questions (past progressive tense) according to the pictures below.



What was Gloria eating for lunch?

She was eating french fries



Where were they sitting?



Why was she running?



When were Fernando and Mario playing football?
(Key: 2020 Olympics)



How was Peter singing?
(key: very good)



Grammar

Transform the following sentences with the appropriate form of the verb in past progressive (negative or interrogative).

1. I was studying when the lights went out.

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2. They were playing soccer in the park yesterday.

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3. She was cooking dinner for the family.

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4. We were watching a movie at that time.

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5. The children were laughing loudly in the playground.

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6. He was working on his project until late last night.

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7. The sun was setting as we walked along the beach.

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8. I was reading a book when the phone rang.

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9. The team was winning the game when the rain started.

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10. They were talking about their vacation plans.

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