

# PAST CONTINUOUS



## AFFIRMATIVE

I **was**

HE\SHE\IT **was**

YOU\WE\THEY **were**

*study**ing**.*

## INTERROGATIVE

**Was** I

**Was** he\she\it

**Were** we\you\they

*study**ing** ?*

## NEGATIVE

I **wasn't**

HE\SHE\IT **wasn't**

YOU\WE\THEY **weren't**

*study**ing**.*

We form the past continuous with was/were  
(past simple of “to be”) + verb + -ing.

**Past Continuous** утворюється за  
допомогою **was/were + дієслово + -ing.**



# We use the past continuous: Ми використовуємо Past Continuous:

for an action which was in progress at a stated time in the past. We do not know when the action started or finished.

для дії, яка тривала у певний момент у минулому. Ми не знаємо, коли вона почалася або закінчилася.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon Mike and his son were washing the dog.

— О третій годині вчора Майк і його син мили собаку.

(We do not know when they started or finished.)

(Ми не знаємо, коли вони почали чи закінчили.)

for a past action which was in progress when another action interrupted it. We use the past continuous for the longer action and the past simple for the shorter action.

для дії, яка тривала, коли інша дія її перервала. **Past Continuous**

— довша дія, **Past Simple** — коротша дія.

He was reading a newspaper when his wife came.

— Він читав газету, коли його дружина прийшла.

(was reading = longer action; came = shorter action)

(читав = довша дія; прийшла = коротша дія)

**for two or more actions which were happening at the same time in the past.**

для двох або більше дій, які відбувалися одночасно в минулому.

The people were watching while the cowboy was riding the bull.

— Люди дивилися, поки ковбой їхав на бику.



**to give background information in a story.**

щоб надати фон, описати обстановку в історії.

The sun was shining and the birds were singing. Tom was driving his old truck through the forest.

— Сонце світило, птахи співали. Том їхав своїм старим пікапом через ліс.

## Put the verbs in brackets into Past Continuous



1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) a picture when I called her.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school at 8 a.m. yesterday.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) TV when dad came home.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English while my sister (sleep).
5. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) all night.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) too fast when it started raining.
7. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the yard in the evening.
8. My mom \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner at that time.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to the teacher.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an email when you texted me.

## Complete the sentences with Past Continuous

1. At 7 p.m. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my homework.
2. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ (run) around the house.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not read) a book when I saw her.
4. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) the rules.
5. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner at that moment.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) when your friend arrived?
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus for 20 minutes.
8. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (not work) yesterday evening.
9. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) loudly.
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at 10 this morning?

# Choose the correct form

1. She (was crying / were crying) when I arrived.
2. They (was playing / were playing) basketball at 6 p.m.
3. I (wasn't listening / weren't listening) to music.
4. The students (was studying / were studying) for the test.
5. He (was running / were running) very fast.
6. We (weren't watching / wasn't watching) TV.
7. The wind (was blowing / were blowing) hard yesterday.
8. My mom (was cooking / were cooking) when I got home.
9. You (were talking / was talking) too loudly.
10. The baby (were sleeping / was sleeping) peacefully.

