

PAST CONTINUOUS

GRAMMAR PRACTICE

1 What were you doing yesterday at this time? Use the prompts to write full sentences

- a. I / read a book _____
- b. My father / watch TV _____
- c. My sister / do her homework _____
- d. My mother / cook _____
- e. My brothers / play video games _____
- e. My cats / sleep _____

2 Put the words in order to form negative sentences and questions

- a. was / Tom / eating pizza / not _____
- b. you / reading / were / what / ? _____
- c. cleaning / wasn't / my sister _____
- d. weren't / my parents / sleeping _____
- e. snowing / ? / it / was / yesterday _____
- f. listening / weren't / why / ? / they _____

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

- a. Sam _____ (study). He _____ (watch) TV.
- b. Sarah _____ (read) her favorite book.
- c. What _____ you _____ (do) at the park yesterday?
- d. I _____ (not walk) my dog. I _____ (train).
- e. They _____ (not sleep). They _____ (talk).
- f. _____ you _____ (listen) to the teacher when she explained?
- g. I took an umbrella because it _____ (rain) heavily.
- h. I _____ (have) dinner when my father arrived last night.

2B GRAMMAR past continuous

- a Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the past simple and past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



- 1 I was sleeping when you sent me the message. (sleep, send)
- 2 Susan _____ around Italy when she _____ her boyfriend. (travel, meet)
- 3 We _____ some old photos when we _____ the house. (find, clean)
- 4 They _____ for the bus when they _____ the accident. (wait, see)
- 5 It _____ to rain when they _____ to school. (start, cycle)
- 6 A dog _____ into the road when I _____ home. (run, drive)

- b Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Last summer, I ¹ was living (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I ² _____ (wake up) early, and it ³ _____ (be) a beautiful day. The sun ⁴ _____ (shine), and I ⁵ _____ (feel) really happy. I ⁶ _____ (not need) to go to work that day, so I ⁷ _____ (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends ⁸ _____ (work) and my girlfriend ⁹ _____ (visit) her parents, so I ¹⁰ _____ (go) to the beach alone. When I ¹¹ _____ (arrive), the beach ¹² _____ (be) already crowded. A lot of people ¹³ _____ (sunbathe), children ¹⁴ _____ (play) games and people ¹⁵ _____ (swim) in the sea. Everyone ¹⁶ _____ (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I ¹⁷ _____ (put) my things down on the beach, and then I ¹⁸ _____ (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man ¹⁹ _____ (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I ²⁰ _____ (not can) see anything, but then I ²¹ _____ (see) a big shark. Luckily, it ²² _____ (not attack) anyone and ²³ _____ (swim) away quickly. I ²⁴ _____ (not stay) at the beach after that, and I ²⁵ _____ (go) home without going surfing!

ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the sentences in a and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences.

Past continuous

I can use the past continuous.

1 Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- Yesterday at 6 p.m. we _____ (have) dinner.
- Harry _____ (not listen) so he didn't know how to do the exercise.
- Kate _____ (lie) on the beach and Anna _____ (eat) an ice cream.
- Sam and Ryan _____ (smile) and Nancy _____ (take) a photo of them.
- Why _____ you and Zoe _____ (argue)?
- Hannah was annoyed because a man on the train _____ (talk) loudly on his mobile.
- At 1 a.m. Fred _____ still _____ (chat) with his friends on Facebook.
- My eyes were closed, but I _____ (not sleep).

2 Write sentences. Use the past continuous.

- Jake / ride / his bike
Jake was riding his bike.
- the sun / shine ?

- it / not rain

- where / he / go ?

- he / not wear / a helmet

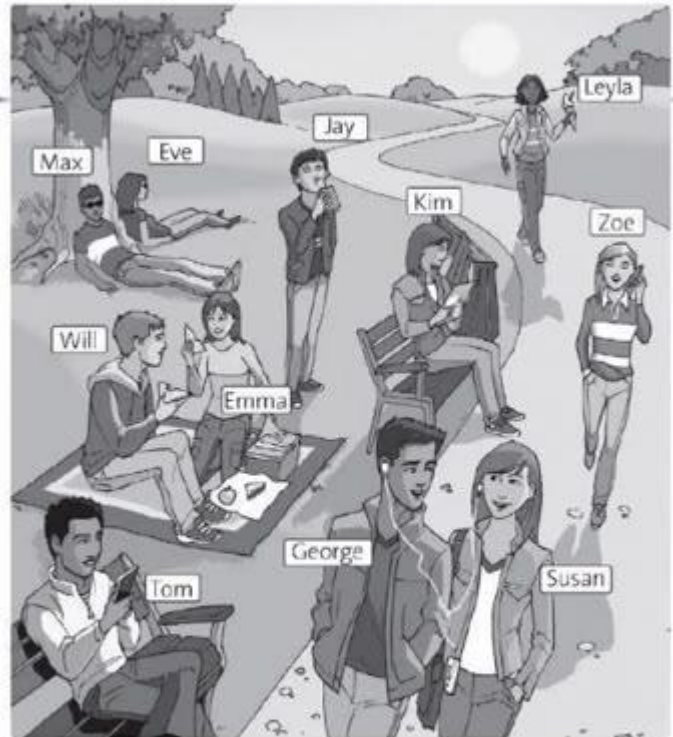
3 Complete the text with the past continuous form of the verbs below.

carry follow hurry
leave rain stand
wear not wear



When I got off the coach in London, the weather was awful.

It ¹ _____ and there was a cold wind.
A short, fat man, who ² _____ a hat and
³ _____ a small briefcase, got off after me.
It was five o'clock and lots of people ⁴ _____
work and ⁵ _____ to catch the bus or the
Underground. I ⁶ _____ a raincoat so I went
into a department store and bought a cheap umbrella.
When I came out, the short, fat man from the bus
⁷ _____ outside the department store.
⁸ _____ he _____ me?



4 What was happening at the park yesterday afternoon?

Complete the sentences, using the verbs and phrases below.
Use the past continuous.

eat an ice cream drink fruit juice have a picnic listen to music
phone someone read a magazine shine sunbathe text

- Tom was texting.
- Will and Emma _____.
- Kim _____.
- Max and Eve _____.
- George and Susan _____.
- Jay _____.
- Leyla _____.
- Zoe _____.
- The sun _____.

5 Write questions with *you* in the past continuous. Then write true answers.

1.30 p.m. yesterday 10.30 p.m. yesterday
on this day last year 3 a.m. this morning
7.30 p.m. yesterday 8.30 a.m. this morning

- What were you doing at 1.30 p.m. yesterday?
I was ... _____.
- _____?
- _____?
- _____?
- _____?
- _____?



Past Continuous



Past Continuous Affirmative

we use "be"(past) + "ing" verbs

I was running fast.
She was doing homework.
He was watching TV.
It was snowing.
They were exercising.
We were playing soccer.
You were laughing.

Past Continuous Negative

we use "be" (past) + "not" + "ing" verbs

I was not running fast.
She was not doing homework.
He was not watching TV.
It was not snowing.
They were not exercising.
We were not playing soccer.
You were not laughing.

Past Continuous Question

We use "be" (past) followed by "Pronoun or subject"

Was I running fast?
Was she doing homework?
Was he watching TV?
Was it snowing?
Were they exercising?
Were we playing soccer?
Were you laughing?

A. Fill in the blanks with "was" or "were".

- 1) Jane _____ doing homework.
- 2) We _____ eating cookies.
- 3) The dog _____ barking.
- 4) Mom _____ cooking dinner.
- 5) The boys _____ playing baseball
- 6) Dad _____ watching TV.
- 7) It _____ raining outside.
- 8) The baby _____ crying.
- 9) The girls _____ listening to music.
- 10) I _____ taking a photo.
- 11) They _____ running.
- 12) You _____ studying at home.



B. Write the correct "ing" verb in the blank.

1. John was _____ coffee (drink) .
2. They were _____ (read).
3. We were _____ for Easter eggs (hunt).
4. Mom was _____ (exercise).
5. I was _____ Easter eggs (paint).
6. The children were _____ TV (watch).
7. You were _____ to Kate (talk).
8. The dog was _____ the cat (chase).
9. The cat was _____ (run).
10. It was _____ outside (snow).



C. Negative form. Fill in blanks with "was/ were /not" and/or an "ing" verb

1. The dog was not _____ (bark).
2. I _____ not eating candy.
3. They were not _____ (laugh).
4. It _____ (snow).
5. We were _____ TV (watch).
6. We were _____ painting Easter eggs.
7. You _____ (listen).
8. She _____ homework (do).
9. Kate and John _____ not eating dinner.
10. The dog _____ the cat (chase).



D. Make a question.

Fill in the blank with "be" and an "ing" verb

1. _____ they _____ dinner? (eat)
2. _____ I _____ to music? (listen)
3. _____ it _____? (snow)
4. _____ we _____ TV? (watch)
5. _____ you _____ Easter eggs? (paint)
6. _____ she _____ homework? (do)
7. _____ the dog _____? (bark)
8. _____ she _____ a photo? (take)
9. _____ he _____ soccer? (play)
10. _____ Kate and John _____ fast? (run)

