

## PAST PROGRESSIVE

**How to form:** I, he, she, it      **was + ing-form**      I was working.  
You, we, they      **were + ing-form**      They were working.

**Negation:** I **wasn't** working yesterday. He **was not** mowing the lawn.  
We **weren't** reading the paper. They **were not** studying for the test.

**Questions:** **Was** he **watching** the new series?  
**Were** you **cleaning** your flat last weekend?

**Key words:** while, when

**How to use:**

- We use it when an action in the past lasted a long time.  
Example: What **were** they **doing** yesterday?
- If an action happened while another action took place. We use the past simple for the short action and the past progressive for the long action.  
Example: When Tom **was cooking**, he **burnt** his hand.
- Two long past actions happen at the same time.  
Examples: While I **was repairing** my bike, she **was watering** the flowers.  
He **was watching** TV while she **was reading** a book.

## PAST PROGRESSIVE 1

Fill in the past progressive tense into the gaps.

1. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ cards in the living room. (play)
2. Greg \_\_\_\_\_ for his wallet. (look)
3. Mr Miller \_\_\_\_\_ his car. (not wash)
4. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ her English homework. (do)
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ football yesterday afternoon. (not play)
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ for her in the park. (wait)
7. Carol and I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner when he arrived. (have)
8. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool. (not swim)
9. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ home from school. (cycle)
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ in her office. (work)
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ the new words. (not learn)
12. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach. (lie)
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ on the bench for a long time. (sit)
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ his aunt. (phone)
15. We \_\_\_\_\_ the essay together. (write)
16. Frank \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast. (prepare)
17. Mrs Summers \_\_\_\_\_ to him. (not listen)
18. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping. (do)
19. They \_\_\_\_\_ the book. (not read)
20. They \_\_\_\_\_ their house. (decorate)