

# PAST CONTINUOUS

## 1. Read the text



## A moment in history

**O**n 4th November I arrived in Chicago late in the evening. I wanted to photograph Barack Obama and his family in the Convention Center, but when I got there I discovered that I didn't have my press pass and I couldn't go inside. I walked around the park outside the center. Although it was November, it was a warm night. The atmosphere was wonderful. When I took this photo everybody was looking at the TV screens waiting for the election results. Some people were quietly holding hands and smiling – others were tense and nervous. They felt that it was their moment. Suddenly I realized that this was a better place to be than inside. I was watching Obama's victory through the faces of all these people, African, Hispanic, Chinese, white. At about 11 o'clock the results were announced, and everybody went mad. People started laughing, shouting, and crying. But when Obama made his speech they all became quiet and emotional. There was only one place to be on the planet that night – and I was there.

Adapted from a British newspaper

## 2. Answer the questions.

(RECORDAR CONTESTAR DE MANERA COMPLETA Y EN EL TIEMPO CORRECTO!!!!)

Si la pregunta tiene DID quiere decir que mi respuesta debe ir en PASADO SIMPLE.

- 1 Why did Tom Pilston go to Chicago?
- 2 Why couldn't he take a photograph of Obama?
- 3 What was the weather like?
- 4 Where did he take this photo?
- 5 Where could the people see the election results?
- 6 Was he sorry that he couldn't go inside the center?
- 7 What happened when Obama won?

1. Tom <b>went</b> to Chicago because...
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3.
4.
5.
6.
7.

LOOK AT THE **HIGHLIGHTED** VERBS IN AN EXTRACT TAKEN FROM THE TEXT!! (mira los verbos resaltados)

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EN ESTA CLASE REPASAREMOS EL TIEMPO **PAST CONTINUOUS**.

LO USAMOS PARA EXPRESAR ACCIONES QUE ESTABAN EN PROGRESO EN ALGUN MOMENTO ESPECIFICO DEL PASADO.

EJEMPLO:

MY MOTHER **WAS COOKING** YESTERDAY MORNING AT 11.00

(mi mama **estaba cocinando** ayer a la mañana a las 11)

**RECORDAR COMO LO FORMO:** **WAS/WERE** + VERB WITH **-ING**

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I <b>was</b> playing.	I <b>wasn't</b> playing.	<b>Was</b> I playing?
You <b>were</b> playing.	You <b>weren't</b> playing.	<b>Were</b> you playing?
He <b>was</b> playing.	He <b>wasn't</b> playing.	<b>Was</b> he playing?
She <b>was</b> playing.	She <b>wasn't</b> playing.	<b>Was</b> she playing?
It <b>was</b> playing.	It <b>wasn't</b> playing.	<b>Was</b> it playing?
We <b>were</b> playing.	We <b>weren't</b> playing.	<b>Were</b> we playing?
You <b>were</b> playing.	You <b>weren't</b> playing.	<b>Were</b> you playing?
They <b>were</b> playing.	They <b>weren't</b> playing.	<b>Were</b> they playing?



**3. Complete the sentences using the verbs in the past continuous.**

- I *was eating* dinner, so I didn't answer the phone. (eat)
- 1 I took this photo when my wife \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. (work)
  - 2 He met his wife when he \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. (live)
  - 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ for us when we arrived. (not wait)
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ a coat when she went out? (wear)
  - 5 The sun \_\_\_\_\_ when I left for work. (shine)
  - 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30 last night? (do)
  - 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ when you gave the instructions. (not listen)
  - 8 We \_\_\_\_\_ TV when you phoned. (not watch)
  - 9 You \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) when I took the photo.
  - 10 It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) when our plane landed.
  - 11 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not drive) fast when the accident happened.
  - 12 What \_\_\_\_\_ (he / do) when his boss arrived?
  - 13 Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / cry) at the party?
  - 14 I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on the bus when I saw my boyfriend with another girl.
  - 15 They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in New Zealand when their first child was born.
  - 16 He didn't call you because his mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ (not work).

**PROXIMA CLASE!!!**

**REPASAR PASADO SIMPLE Y PASADO CONTINUO YA QUE ESTAREMOS TRABAJANDO CON AMBOS TIEMPOS JUNTOS.**