

PAST CONTINUOUS

+	S + was/were + V-ing She was cooking all morning.
—	S + was/were + not + V-ing She was not sleeping when he came home.
?	Was/were + S + V-ing? Was she sleeping when he came home?

Usage

Example

To describe parallel actions

While I was washing the dishes, I heard a loud noise.

To describe what someone was doing at a particular point in time

I was working in the garden all day yesterday.

To express interrupted action in the past

I was driving to work when I crashed my car.

To describe repetition and irritation

He was always complaining in class.

1- Complete the sentences and match them with the picture.

1- He _____ the guitar when his mom came home. (play)	
2- Martin _____ his classmate homework when the teacher saw him. (copy)	
3- My sister _____ when she came home from school. (cry)	
4- A bad boy _____ a younger student after school. (bully)	
5- They _____ dinner at home last night. (have)	
6- My mom _____ the violin at nine last night. (practice)	
7- Students _____ when the principal arrived. (fight)	

8- They _____ their cell phones in class yesterday. (use)	
9- He _____ graffiti when the teacher saw him. (spray)	
10- John _____ on the exam. (cheat)	

2- Complete the charts.

Complete the chart of Simple Past Verb to be	
I	Was
You	
He	
She	
It	
We	were
They	

Write the ING of the following verbs.	
write	writ ing
come	
drive	
make	
take	
live	
move	

Write the ING of the following verbs.	
sit	sitt ing
beg	
swim	
run	
set	
stop	
win	

Write the ING of the following verbs.	
lie	li ing
tie	
die	
vie	

Write the ING of the following verbs.	
work	work ing
spend	
walk	
sell	
drink	
offer	

Write the ING of the following verbs.	
study	stud ing
pay	
play	
stay	
buy	
stay	

3- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the V- ING. Negative sentences.

Examples: Julia wasn't playing the guitar. (not play) My parents weren't writing e mails. (not/ to write)

- 1- Oliver _____ (not/ to tell) jokes.
- 2- Claire _____ (not / to wash) her dress.
- 3- Our cat _____ (not / to sleep) on my sofa.
- 4- John _____ (not / do) exercises last week.
- 5- Children _____ (not / to play) soccer.
- 6- They _____ (not/to travel) to Spain last weekend.
- 7- We _____ (not/sell) our house.
- 8- It _____ (not/ to eat) its food.
- 9- My cat _____ (not/ to jump) on the sofa.
- 10- My friend _____ (not/ to cut) papers.

4- Complete the following sentences with the past continuous. Questions.

Examples: Was she washing her hands last night? Were they repairing the bike?

- 1- _____ Emily _____ (take) out book.
- 2- _____ you _____ (listen) to music?
- 3- _____ Nicolas _____ (look at a picture?
- 4- _____ Teresa _____ (help) to her mother?
- 5- _____ girls _____ (open) the window?
- 6- _____ he _____ (finish) his project?
- 7- _____ she _____ (buy) a new dress?
- 8- _____ they _____ (visit) their grandparents last vacation?
- 9- _____ we _____ (clean) our house last weekend?
- 10- _____ my mom _____ (travel) to Japan last month?