

# PAST CONTINUOUS

## 1. Form: S + was/ were + V-ing

Affirmative		
I / he / she / it	was	walking
you / we / they	were	
Negative		
I / he / she / it	was not (wasn't)	walking
you / we / they	were not (weren't)	
Question		
Was	I / he / she / it	walking?
Were	you / we / they	

## 2. Use

- We use Past Continuous to talk about an action happening at a particular time in the past.

Ex: What **were you doing** at one o' clock? I **was having** lunch.

- We use Past Continuous and "while" to talk about two or more actions which were happening at the same time in the past.

Ex: While Mom **was cooking**, I **was cleaning** the floor.

- We use Past Continuous and "when" (or sometimes "while") to talk about an action interrupted another action in the past. We use "Past Continuous" for the longer action happening at that time and use "Past Simple" for action with shorter duration and the interrupted action.

Ex: We **were talking** when the teacher **came**.

Peter and Tim **came** while we **were watching** TV.

## 3. Time expressions: while, when, all day, all night, all morning, at ... o' clock yesterday.

# PRACTICE 1

## I. Give the correct forms of the verbs in brackets in PAST CONTINUOUS.

1. At this time last year, they (build) \_\_\_\_\_ this house.
2. I (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ my car very fast when you called me.
3. I (chat) \_\_\_\_\_ with my friends while my teacher (teach) the lesson yesterday.
4. My father (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ TV when I got home.
5. At this time yesterday, I (prepare) \_\_\_\_\_ for my son's birthday party.
6. What you (do) \_\_\_\_\_ at 8 pm yesterday?
7. Where you (go) \_\_\_\_\_ when I saw you last weekend?
8. They (not go) \_\_\_\_\_ to school when I met them yesterday.
9. My mother (not do) \_\_\_\_\_ the housework when my father came home.
10. My sister (read) \_\_\_\_\_ books while my brother (play) football yesterday afternoon

## II. Write negative sentences

- 1 Anna was drawing pictures. Anna wasn't drawing pictures.
- 2 Paula and Jim were looking out of the window. ....
- 3 Tim was reading a book. ....
- 4 Kate and Bill were writing on the board. ....
- 5 Sam was playing football. ....
- 6 Ed and Lisa were listening to music. ....

## III. Write questions

- 1 Tim / draw pictures Was Tim drawing pictures?
- 2 Kate and Bill / look out of the window .....
- 3 Ed and Lisa / read a book .....
- 4 Paula and Jim / write on the board .....
- 5 Anna / play football .....
- 6 Sam / listen to music .....