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.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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 .....

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