

Past Continuous (Betty Azar Chapter 2-10: PG28)

NOTE:

EXAMPLE #1: I **was walking** down the street when it began to rain.

There are two actions above – 1 – I **was walking** down the street

-2- It **began** to rain

Both actions occurred at the same time, but *one action began earlier and was in progress when the other action happened.*

EXAMPLE #2: At 8 o'clock last night, I **was studying**.

My studying began before 8, was in progress at that time and probably continued after.

EXAMPLE #3: While I **was studying** in my room, my brother
was watching TV in the living room.

Sometimes, the past continuous is used in both parts of a sentence when two actions are happening at the same time

After you have read the note, fill in the correct verb tenses below. Choose between the **simple past** and **past continuous**.

1. I am sitting in class right now. I (sit) _____ in class at this exact time yesterday.
2. I don't want to go to the zoo today because it is raining. The same thing happened yesterday. I (want, not) _____ to go to the zoo because it (rain) _____.
3. I (call) _____ Roger last night, but he (be, not) _____ at home. He (study) _____ at the library.
4. I (hear, not) _____ thunder during the storm last night because I (sleep) _____.
5. My brother and sister (argue) _____ about something when I (walk) _____ into the room.