

Past continuous

1. UTILIZARE

Se foloseste pentru a exprima o actiune care era in desfasurare la un moment din trecut sau doua actiuni care se desfasurau in acelasi timp in trecut. In limba romana se poate traduce (aproximativ) cu **imperfectul**: e.g. El **dormea** ieri la ora 3./In timp ce el **dormea**, eu **citeam** o carte.

2. FORMARE

Se formeaza cu ajutorul verbului **TO BE** la trecut si verbul de conjugat cu terminatia **-ing**. Verbul to be se conjuga la trecut acordandu-se cu subiectul.

• AFIRMATIV

S + TO BE (LA TRECUT) + V-ING
(WAS/WERE)

I	was	sleeping	at 5 yesterday.
She	was	watching	TV last night.
They	were	cooking	(at) this time last week.
My friends	were	playing	football (at) this time yesterday.
Mary	was	driving	when I called her.

• INTEROGATIV

Se formeaza prin inversiunea verbului **TO BE** cu **SUBIECTUL**.

TO BE (LA TRECUT) + S + V-ING
(WAS/WERE)

Was	I	sleeping	at 5 yesterday?
Was	she	watching	TV last night?
Were	they	cooking	(at) this time last week?
Were	my friends	playing	football (at) this time yesterday?
Was	Mary	driving	when I called her?

- **NEGATIV**

Se formeaza cu negatia NOT atasata la WAS sau WERE

S + TO BE (LA TRECUT) + NOT + V-ING

(WAS/WERE)

↓	↓	↓	↓	
I	was	not (wasn't)	sleeping	at 5 yesterday.
She	was	not (wasn't)	watching	TV last night.
They	were	not (weren't)	cooking	(at) this time last week.
My friends	were	not (weren't)	playing	football (at) this time yesterday.
Mary	was	not (wasn't)	driving	when I called her.

EXERCISES

1. Choose between **was** or **were** to make sentences:

- Julie was were sleeping at three a clock yesterday.
- You was were studying when I called you last week.
- Mary was were exercising when I saw her.
- They was were doing their homework at this time last week.
- We was were watching a horror movie when the storm started.

2. Choose the correct answer. Sometimes two answers may be correct:

- What ____ at eight o'clock last night?
 - you were doing
 - you doing
 - were you doing
- The police stopped Willis as ____ to the airport.
 - was driving
 - he was driving
 - he is driving
- When I got to work, I realised that I ____ my watch.
 - were not wearing
 - was not wearing
 - wasn't wearing
- Where ____ when they had their first child?
 - were Rob and Rebecca living
 - Rob and Rebecca were living
 - living Rob and Rebecca
- Anyway, what ____ about? I can't remember.
 - were I talking
 - was I talking
 - I were talking
- By the time we got to the party, ____ home.

- everyone was going
 - was everyone going
 - was going everyone
- g) One of our teachers told us that we ____ hard enough.
- not were working
 - weren't working
 - were not working
- h) Jules ____ in and out of love when he was a young man.
- was always falling
 - was falling always
 - always was falling