

GRAMMAR Past Continuous Tense

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A. Read the Word Zone about the grammar rule on Past Continuous Tense and answer the exercises below. (5 marks)

Past continuous

We use the past continuous to talk about activities in progress in the past, and to describe a scene in the past.

*I **was studying** for an exam at nine o'clock last night.*

*It **was** a lovely spring day and the sun **was shining**. People **were walking** along the river and **eating** ice creams.*

*The police officers **were chasing** the thief.*

*They **weren't talking** on the phone.*

*The thief **wasn't wearing** a blue coat.*

***Were you watching** a film? Yes, I **was**.*

***Was it raining?** No, it **wasn't**.*

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B. Josh and Rosa were in town on Saturday morning. Complete Josh's description with the correct form of the Past Continuous. (7 marks)

- 1 Rosa and I **were having** coffee at a café. (have)
- 2 We _____ T-shirts and shorts. (wear)
- 3 A woman on the table next to us _____ on her mobile. (talk)
- 4 I _____ postcards to my family. (write)
- 5 Rosa _____ photos with her mobile. (take)
- 6 One waiter _____ a chat with a customer. (have)
- 7 Another waiter _____ drinks to a table. (take)
- 8 Some birds _____ crumbs under my chair. (eat)



Rosa



Me (Josh)

C. Look at the picture below and complete the following sentences. (7 marks)



- 1 Rosa and Josh **weren't having** coffee in a café. They **were having** orange juice.
- 2 They **weren't wearing** T-shirts and shorts. They **were wearing** _____.
- 3 The woman on the table next to them **wasn't talking** on her mobile. She **was** _____.
- 4 Josh **wasn't writing** postcards to his family. Josh **was** _____.
- 5 Rosa **wasn't taking** photos with her mobile. Rosa **was** _____.
- 6 The waiter **wasn't having** a chat with a customer. He **was** _____.
- 7 The other waiter **wasn't taking** drinks to a table. He **was** _____.
- 8 The birds **weren't eating** crumbs under Josh's chair. They **were** _____.

D. Write what you these people are doing yesterday at midday. Use your imagination. There can be multiple answers. (5 marks)

- 0 Angela, a journalist *I think Angela was interviewing a witness.*
- 1 Max, a student *I think Max _____*
- 2 Chloe, a teacher *I think Chloe _____*
- 3 Snoopy, a dog *I think Snoopy _____*
- 4 Jules, an actor *I think Jules _____*
- 5 Matilda, a zoo keeper *I think Matilda _____*

E. Write questions about **yesterday**. Use the **Past Continuous**. (5 marks)

1 your father / work / at 11am ?

Was your father working at 11am yesterday?

2 you / sleep / at midnight ?

3 your teacher / teach a lesson / at midday ?

4 you / wear anything blue / in the morning ?

5 your best friend / sit next to you / at school ?

6 it / rain / at 3pm ?

F. Complete the conversations with verbs below in the **Past Continuous**. (9 marks)

1 A ' *Were you studying* Maths yesterday at eight o'clock?

B At eight o'clock? No, I ² along the street.

A Where ³ ?

B To my piano lesson.

2 A What ⁴ at eight o'clock last night?

B I ⁵ onions and garlic in the kitchen.

A What ⁶ ?

B Soup!

3 A I ⁷ on a train at eight o'clock last night.

B ⁸ alone?

A Yes, I was. I ⁹ to music and ¹⁰ out of the window.

do
fry
go
listen
look
make
sit
~~study~~
travel
walk