PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

We use the past continuous to talk about the **past**:

- for something that **happened before and after a specific time**:

  *It was **eight o'clock**. I **was writing** a letter.*

  Compare: *At eight o'clock I wrote* (= started writing) *some letters.*

- to show that something **continued for some time**:

  *My head **was aching**.*
  *Everyone **was shouting**.*

- for something that **happened again and again**:

  *I **was practising** every day, three times a day.*
  *They **were meeting** secretly after school.*
  *They **were always quarrelling**.*

- with verbs which show **change or growth**:

  *The children **were growing up** quickly.*
  *Her English **was improving**.*
  *My hair **was going** grey.*
  *The town **was changing** quickly.*

SENTENCE STRUCTURE!

Affirmative and negative form:
I/He/She/It **was** +V+ing
I/He/She/it was not+V+ing (wasn't)
We/You/They **were**+ V+ing
We/You/They were not+V+ing (weren't)

Questions and short answers
Was I/He/She /It +V + ing?
Yes,I/He/She /it was.
No, I/He/She /it wasn't.
Were we/you/they + V+ing
Yes, we/you/they were.
No, we/you/they weren't.

REMEMBER: Verb + ING
Verb+ ing: read- reading
do- doing
-e+ing: write- writing (-e)
make- making
- 1 vowel before 1 consonant: stop-stopping,
run-runninng
-y+ ing: enjoy-enjoying,
study-studying

Are you ready? Let ´s work now!!

Task 1 - Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the Past Continuous Tense.

1) You _____ the walls of his house yesterday. (paint)

2) Mavis _____ a horse when she broke her arm. (not ride)

3)The two men _____ heavy boxes yesterday afternoon. (carry)

4) I _____ when you wake me up. (not dream)

5) Larry _____ his teeth at 7 yesterday. (clean)

6) They _____ when I came in. (not work)

7) The dog _____ on the bed last night. (not sleep)

Task 2 -**First make the sentences negative. Then rewrite them with the given information. Look at the example.**

Important: Do not change words like "He" for Mike. Repeat the name given again. Be careful with spelling! Use was not and were not (not wasn´t or weren´t)

e.g.: Mike was sleeping in his bed. (on the bus)

- ***Mike was not sleeping in his bed. Mike was sleeping on the bus.***

1) The teacher was teaching the students. (correct the tests)

Positive:_____
Negative:_____

2) Tim and Brad were buying some food. (play tennis)

Positive:_____
Negative:_____

3) You were opening the door. (close the window)

Positive:_____
Negative:_____

4) We were going to school. (travel to Paris)

Positive:_____

Negative:_____

5) They were drinking some juice. (have dinner)

Positive:_____

Negative:_____

Task 3 – **Turn these sentences into questions and answer them**

1. You were climbing a mountain._____?

Yes, _____.

2. He was cooking lunch. _____?

No, _____.

3. They were doing their homework. _____?

Yes, _____.

4. She was writing a letter. _____?

Yes, _____.

5. The machine was working. _____?

No, _____.