

Past continuous

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

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S + was/were + V-ing

She was cooking all morning.

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S + was/were + not + V-ing

She was not sleeping when he came home.

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Was/were + S + V-ing?

Was she sleeping when he came home?

1. Read the story and then answer the questions.

Who were they? What were they doing?

What was happening?

Mitch was always driving his motorcycle too fast. Yesterday after work, Mitch was driving his motorcycle home. While everyone else was driving slowly, he was speeding through the streets. He wasn't paying attention and was driving too fast when he saw the police officer.

While the police officer was directing traffic, he saw Mitch speeding down the street. He was waving his arms when Mitch stopped. The police officer wrote him a traffic ticket for speeding. Mitch was not feeling happy when he arrived home.



2. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence "I was reading when you called."

Negative: I was not reading when you called.

Yes/No Question: Was I reading when you called?

WH-Question: What was I doing when you called?

Tag Question: I was reading when you called, wasn't I?

1. While everyone else was driving slowly, he was speeding through the streets.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. He was waving his arms.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. Read the description and write down what it is. Use the box below for help.

motorcycle	police officer	street	traffic
traffic ticket	speeding	work	waving

1. It shows that a person did something wrong while driving and must pay a fine. What is it? _____
2. It is movement of your hands or arms in the air.
What is it? _____
3. It is the movement of cars on a road. What is it? _____
4. It is a vehicle with two wheels. What is it? _____
5. It is movement at a fast pace. What is it? _____
6. It is your job. What is it? _____
7. It is a person who enforces the law. Who is it? _____
8. It is a public road in a city or town. What is it? _____

4. Answer the following questions. Use the Past Progressive tense.

1. Where was Mitch driving his motorcycle yesterday after work? What was Mitch doing while everyone else was driving slowly?

2. What was Mitch doing when he saw the police officer? What was the police officer doing when he saw Mitch speeding down the street?
