I was thinking about the PAST CONTINUOUS...



Formation of the Past Continuous: **Subject + was/were + verb with "ing"**

Task 1. Fill in the blanks with "was" or "were"

1. You _____ talking in your sleep!	6. _____ it raining last night?
2. He _____ eating with his fingers!	7. We _____ having a great time.
3. They _____ shouting "Hooray!"	8. Susan and Joanne _____ talking all night.
4. I _____ wondering if I could borrow this.	9. Who _____ singing in the bathroom?
5. What _____ you doing yesterday?	10. Why _____ she crying?

Task 2. Negative form. Fill in the blanks with "wasn't" or "weren't"

1. Sorry. I _____ listening.	6. Mark and I _____ running in the hall!
2. They _____ enjoying themselves much.	7. Please. I _____ staring at you.
3. I _____ snoring. I was just breathing loud.	8. She _____ wearing your hat. It was mine.
4. Why _____ he reading during Silent Reading?	9. Of course I _____ checking my Facebook account.
5. We checked and the pipes _____ leaking.	10. No, we _____ laughing just now.

Task 3. ING form. Just add "-ing" except where you need to drop the final "e" or add a double consonant ("jogging")

1. My brother was _____(drive) me mad.	6. The girls were _____ (do) sit-ups.
2. She was_____ (tap) her foot incessantly.	7. They were _____ (swim) in a river.
3. Why were you _____ (run)?	8. We were all _____ (sneeze) and coughing.
4. They weren't _____ (wear) uniforms.	9. He wasn't _____ (look) at you.
5. Why was the teacher _____ (shout)?	10. Jan was _____ (text) while driving.

Task 4. Make sentences from the cues.

Example: John / talk / during class. ***John was talking during class.***

1 We / think / about recycling _____

2 They / not / sing / at the concert_____

3 I / not / pay / attention_____

4 Why /you / not / watch / the movie ? _____

5 Who / clap / at the end ? _____

Task 5. The past continuous indicates an ongoing activity while the simple past indicates a finished action. Look and circle the correct form of the verb.



1. I **was reading / read** a book when my mother was **coming / came** in.
2. He **was taking / took** a shower when the lights **went / were going** off.
3. The rain **started / was starting** to fall while we **walked / were walking** in the park.
4. We **were eating / ate** our dinner when someone **knocked / was knocking** on the door.
5. They **were walking / walked** to school when suddenly they **saw / were seeing** an unusual light.