THE PAST PROGRESSIVE (CONTINUOUS) TENSE

Pronouns	Affirmative sentence	Negative sentence	Interrogative sentence
I/ He/ She/ It	I **was** reading	I was **not** reading. (was not=wasn't)	**Was** I reading? – Yes, I was,/No, I wasn't.
You/ We/ They	They **were** reading	They were **not** reading. (were not=weren't)	**Were** they reading? – Yes, they were./No, they weren't.

PAST CONTINUOUS (PROGRESSIVE) = PAST SIMPLE "TO BE" (WAS, WERE) + PRESENT PARTICIPLE (INFINITIVE + -ING)

PRESENT PARTICIPLE: PLAY+ING=PLAYING.

BUT:

1. TAKE + ING = TAKING (DRIVE=DRIVING, MAKE=MAKING, WRITE=MAKING, ...)
2. SWIM + ING = SWIMMING (PLAN=PLANNING, TRAVEL=TRAVELLING, RUN=RUNNING, SIT=SITTING, GET=GETTING, STOP=STOPPING, ...)

USE THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PAST CONTINUOUS (PROGRESSIVE) TENSE:

1. I _____ all morning yesterday. (sing)
2. _____ you _____TV at 7 o'clock last night? (watch)
3. She _____ in the forest while Tom _____ a snowman. (run/make)
4. While we _____ dinner, they _____ . (have, sleep)
5. They _____ their bicycles at 10 last Sunday. (**not** ride)
6. She _____ the lunch basket. (pack)
7. I _____. (**not** swim)
8. _____ he _____ to help? (try)
9. _____ those women _____ at this shop? (buy)
10. Mark and Tom _____ while Ann _____ the dishes. (cook, do)

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