

Present Continuous or Past Continuous

PRESENT

PAST

CONTINUOUS

Subject + to be + base+ing

Subject + was / were + base+ing

Action that is going on at this moment

We are reading a Kura English post

Planned event or action in the future

I am going on holiday tomorrow

Temporary event or situation

It is snowing at the moment

Unfinished action in the past interrupted

I was watching TV when you called

Before and after a particular time

Last night at 10, I was writing a letter

Continued for some time

My tooth was aching

Past

Now

Future



Past Continuous

Present Continuous

Affirmative

Negative

Interrogative

You are playing

You are not playing

Are you playing?

You were playing

You were not playing

Were you playing?

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate present continuous or past continuous tense form.

1. I (water) the plants in the morning.
2. What (you do) at 6 o'clock yesterday evening?
3. They (wait) for the bus when the accident happened.
4. She (get) impatient.
5. The boys (play) in the garden.
6. It (rain) cats and dogs.
7. I (revise) my lessons now.
8. Somebody (knock) at the door.

9. We (wait) for the guests to turn up.
10. The students (shout) slogans outside the campus.
11. The birds (fly) in the sky.
12. John and Sandra (expect) their first child.
13. I (watch) a movie when the lights went out.
14. I (prepare) dinner when the guests arrived.
15. A: 'Where are the kids?'
B: ' (play) in the garden.'
16. We (wait) for them to come.
17. The guests (wait) in the lobby last night.
18. It (rain). We can't go out now.
19. The students (study) for their exam.
20. The mother (sleep) when the phone rang.