Past Progressive Story 1 (Past Continuous)

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Who was she? Where was she? What was happening?

Yesterday, it was raining and thundering all day. Ann was playing inside the house. She wanted to be outside. She wasn't playing outside because it was raining. She was feeling tired of being trapped inside the house.

Ann was trying to keep busy inside the house. She was reading her book until the electricity went out. Then, she decided to practice her sewing. She was practicing sewing until lunchtime. After lunch, she sat by the window and watched the rain.

While Ann was watching the rain, the phone rang. Her mother was calling to say she was coming home. She was bringing a new game. Ann and her mother ate ice cream and played the game.

While they were playing, the rain stopped! But Ann didn't even notice. She was having such a good time with her mom!

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Past Progressive Story 1 – Exercises

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

1. Where was Ann playing yesterday? Why wasn't she playing outside?

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2. What was Ann doing before the electricity went out? What was she doing until lunchtime?

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3. At the end of the story, the rain stopped. What was Ann doing?

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B. 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 "Sam was <u>watching a movie</u> last night."

Negative: Sam was not watching a movie last night.

Yes/No Question: Was Sam watching a movie last night?

WH-Question: What was Sam doing last night?

Tag Question: Saw was watching a movie last night, wasn't he?

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1. Ann was playing inside the house.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. Her mother was calling.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. She was bringing a new game.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

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C. Change each verb into the Past Progressive tense.
(Form => was/were + verb + ing)

1. Last week I _____ (visit) my brother in France.

2. At 5 o'clock she _____ (cook) dinner.

3. Sally _____ (study) while Jan _____ (play).

4. She _____ (sing) while they _____ (eat) dinner.

5. It _____ (work) yesterday.

6. They _____ (swim) until it started to rain.

7. The dog _____ (bark) all night long.

8. My sisters _____ (laugh) at my story.

9. The cat _____ (sleep) on my bed last night.

10. The girls _____ (talk) during class yesterday.

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Past Progressive Story 1 – Answers

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

1. Where was Ann playing yesterday? Why wasn't she playing outside?

Ann was playing inside. She wasn't playing outside because it was raining.

2. What was Ann doing before the electricity went out? What was she doing until lunchtime?

Before the electricity went out, Ann was reading. She was practicing her sewing until lunchtime.

3. At the end of the story, the rain stopped. What was Ann doing?

At the end of the story, Ann was playing a game and eating ice cream with her mother.

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

1. Ann was playing inside the house.

Negative: Ann was not playing inside the house.

Yes/No Question: Was Ann playing inside the house?

WH-Question: Who was playing inside the house?

Tag Question: Ann was playing inside the house, wasn't she?

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2. Her mother was calling.

Negative: Her mother was not calling.

Yes/No Question: Was her mother calling?

WH-Question: Who was calling?

Tag Question: Her mother was calling, wasn't she?

3. She was bringing a new game.

Negative: She was not bringing a new game.

Yes/No Question: Was she bringing a new game?

WH-Question: What was she doing?

Tag Question: She was bringing a new game, wasn't she?

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C. Change each verb into the Past Progressive tense. (Form => was/were + verb + ing)

1. Last week I was visiting (visit) my brother in France.

2. At 5 o'clock she was cooking (cook) dinner.

3. Sally was studying (study) while Jan was playing (play).

4. She was singing (sing) while they were eating (eat) dinner.

5. It was working (work) yesterday.

6. They were swimming (swim) until it started to rain.

7. The dog was barking (bark) all night long.

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