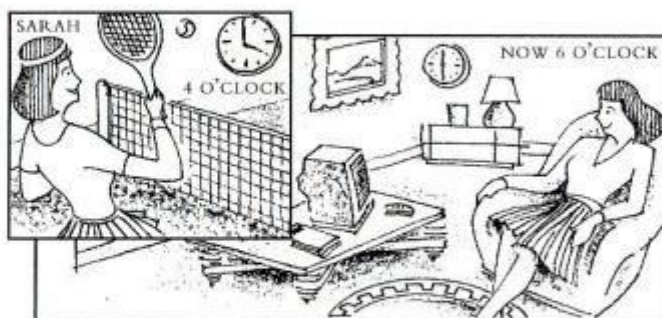


I was doing (past continuous)

A



It is 6 o'clock now.
Sarah **is** at home.
She **is watching** television.

At 4 o'clock she **wasn't** at home.
She **was** at the sports club.

She **was playing** tennis.
She **wasn't watching** television.



B

was/were + -ing is the *past continuous*:

positive

I he she it	was	doing watching playing running living etc.
we you they	were	

negative

I he she it	was not (wasn't)	doing watching playing running living etc.
we you they	were not (weren't)	

question

was	I he she it	doing? watching? playing? running? living? etc.
were	we you they	

- What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't listening**.'
- It **was raining**, so we didn't go out.
- In 1985 we **were living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

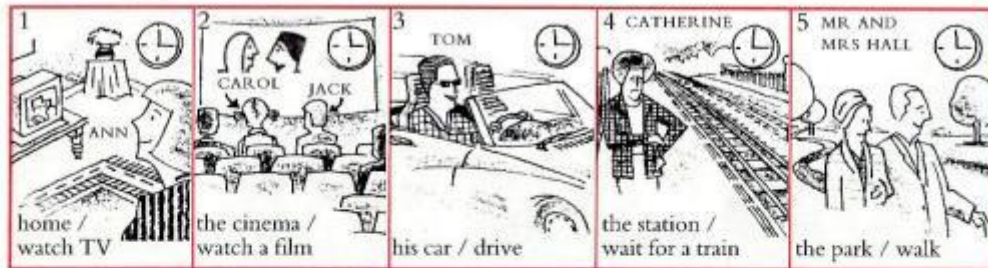
Spelling (live → living / run → running / lie → lying etc.) ⇒ Appendix 5

C

am/is/are + -ing (*present*) → **was/were + -ing** (*past*):

- I'm **working** (now). I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- It **isn't raining** (now). It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- What **are** you **doing** (now)? What **were** you **doing** at three o'clock?

- 13.1** Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write two sentences for each picture.



- 1 Ann was at home. She was watching TV.
- 2 Carol and Jack They
- 3 Tom
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I

- 13.2** Sarah did a lot of things yesterday morning. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



- 1 At 9.45 she was washing her car.
- 2 At 11.45 she
- 3 At 9 o'clock
- 4 At 12.50
- 5 At 8.15
- 6 At 10.30

- 13.3** Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

- 1 (you/live) Where were you living in 1990?
- 2 (you/do) at 2 o'clock?
- 3 (it/rain) when you got up?
- 4 (Ann/drive) so fast?
- 5 (Tim/wear) a suit yesterday?

In London.
I was asleep.
No, it was sunny.
Because she was in a hurry.
No, a T-shirt and jeans.

- 13.4** Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.



- 1 (wear / a jacket) He wasn't wearing a jacket.
- 2 (carry / a bag)
- 3 (go / to the dentist)
- 4 (eat / an ice-cream)
- 5 (carry / an umbrella)
- 6 (go / home)
- 7 (wear / a hat)
- 8 (ride / a bicycle)