10 The past continuous

The past continuous is used in English to talk about actions or events that were in progress at some time in the past. It is formed with "was" or "were" and a present participle.

10.1 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES

I was decorating the kitchen on Wednesday evening.

The children were watching TV when I got home.

I was mowing the lawn when you tried to call.

This time last year, Craig was on vacation in Hawaii.

10.2 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

I was eating / ~~ate~~ my dinner when there ~~was being~~ / was a knock on the door.

1. We were sunbathing / sunbathed when it was beginning / began to rain.
2. When I was meeting / met Tracy yesterday, she was wearing / wore a lovely dress.
3. It was being / was a beautiful day and the birds were singing / sang in the trees.
4. I was hearing / heard a loud bang when I was watching / watched TV last night.
5. It was starting / started to rain while I was talking / talked on the telephone.

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10.3 FILL IN THE GAPS, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

you | a | were | suit | wearing

Why *were you wearing a suit* yesterday, Paul?

in | the | hiking | were | Alps

1. We _____ this time last year.

he | driving | work | saw | was | when | to

2. Colm _____ a deer.

I | talking | were | when | you | to | you | saw

3. Who _____ yesterday?

raining | again | wasn't | it

4. It was cloudy yesterday, but at least _____ .

10.4 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE CORRECT TENSES

We *were walking* **(walk)** in the forest when we *saw* **(see)** a bear.

1. Mia _____ **(visit)** Sydney while she _____ **(travel)** around Australia.
2. The children _____ **(read)** when I _____ **(enter)** the classroom.
3. Ravi _____ **(see)** an old castle when he _____ **(walk)** through the forest.
4. The sun _____ **(shine)** when we _____ **(set off)** on the journey home.

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