

WEEK 1

PAST CONTINUOUS

Past Continuous Tense

+ **S + was/were + V-ing**
She was cooking all the morning.

- **S + was/were + not + V-ing**
She was not sleeping when he came home.

? **Was/were + S + V-ing?**
Was she sleeping when he came home?

Usage

To describe parallel actions

Example

While I was washing the dishes, I heard a loud noise.

To describe what someone was doing at a particular point in time

I was working in the garden all day yesterday.

To express interrupted action in the past

I was driving to work when I crashed my car.

To describe repetition and irritation

He was always complaining in class.

wh- question + was/were + subject + infinitive + -ing

| | | was | I | reading | |
|----------|-------|------|------|----------|--|
| Singular | Who | were | you | speaking | |
| | What | | | crying | |
| | When | | | eating | |
| | Where | | | cooking | |
| | Why | | | telling | |
| | How | | | sleeping | |
| Plural | | were | you | skiing | |
| | | | we | | |
| | | | they | | |