

I was doing (past continuous)

A



It is 6 o'clock now.

Paul **is** at home.

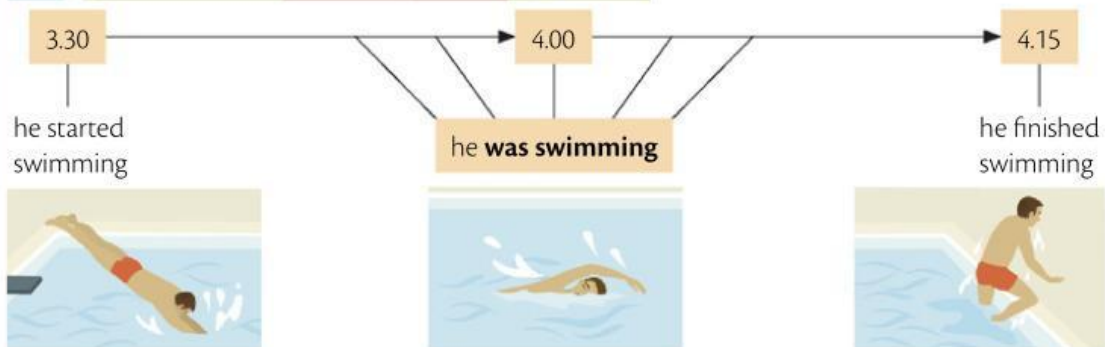
He **is watching** TV.

At 4 o'clock he **wasn't** at home.

He **was** at the sports club.

He **was swimming** in the pool.

He **wasn't watching** TV.



B

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

positive

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

negative

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

question

was	I he she it	doing? watching? playing? swimming? 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 2009 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*):

present

- ☐ I'm **working** (now).
- ☐ It **isn't raining** (now).
- ☐ What **are** you **doing** (now)?

past

- ☐ I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- ☐ It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- ☐ What **were** you **doing** at 3 o'clock?

Exercises

Unit
13

- 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.

RACHEL	JACK KATE	TOM	TRACEY	MR AND MRS HALL
at home watch TV	at the cinema watch a film	in his car drive	at the station wait for a train	in the park walk

- 1 Rachel was at home. She was watching TV.
- 2 Jack and Kate 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.

7.10 – 7.25 	7.30 – 8.10 	8.30 – 9.00
9.20 – 10.00 	10.15 – 11.45 	12.00 – 12.45

- 1 At 8.45 she was washing her car.
- 2 At 10.45 she
- 3 At 8 o'clock
- 4 At 12.10
- 5 At 7.15
- 6 At 9.30

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

- 1 (you/live) Where were you living in 2012?
- 2 (you/do) at 2 o'clock?
- 3 (it/rain) when you got up?
- 4 (Sue/drive) so fast?
- 5 (Tom/wear) a suit yesterday?

In London.
I was asleep.
No, it was sunny.
Because she was late.
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)