



GRAMMAR

Past continuous

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1 ★☆☆ Complete the text with *was* or *were*.

It was a cold winter morning. It ⁰ was raining a little. Moms and dads ¹ standing by the school soccer field. They ² chatting and drinking coffee to stay warm. They ³ waiting for the game to begin.

On the field, their daughters ⁴ getting ready for the big game. Some of them ⁵ running and others ⁶ kicking balls around. The goalie ⁷ practicing catching the ball.

Everyone was excited. It was the final of the under 16 girls' soccer tournament. Mr. Fletcher, the principal, ⁸ cleaning his glasses. He put them on, took the whistle out of his pocket, and blew it.

2 ★★☆☆ Complete the text. Choose the correct words and write them in the correct form.

clap | cry | hold | jump | not enjoy
not feel | sit | take | talk

I got there very late. The game was over. The girls of Blacon High School ⁰ were jumping up and down. They were the champions. Their proud parents ¹ .

One girl ² up the trophy and showing it to the crowd and a journalist ³ lots of photos.

But not everyone was happy. The girls on the losing team ⁴ on the ground. Some of them had their heads in their hands and they ⁵ . They certainly ⁶ the celebrations.

Mr. Fletcher ⁷ to them, but they ⁸ great. Another year and still no trophy.

3 ★★☆☆ Complete the sentences. Use the past continuous of the verbs in parentheses.

0 Phoebe wasn't watching (not watch) TV; she was playing (play) games.

1 I (not play) tennis; I (watch) a tennis match.

2 They (not speak) Spanish, they (speak) Portuguese.

3 Our team (not lose); we (win).

4 Dad (not swim); he (sit) on the beach.

4 ★☆☆ Match the questions with the answers.

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0 Were you listening to me? | ☒ d |
| 1 Was he laughing? | ☐ |
| 2 Was it raining? | ☐ |
| 3 Were they talking? | ☐ |
| 4 Was I sleeping? | ☐ |
| 5 Were we making a lot of noise? | ☐ |

- a Yes, it was. We got really wet.
b Yes, they were, but I didn't hear what they said.
c Yes, I think you were.
d Yes, I heard everything you said.
e No, I don't think we were.
f No, he wasn't. He didn't think it was very funny.

5 ★★☆☆ Answer the questions so they are true for you.

What were you doing ...

1 at 7 a.m. today?

2 at 6 p.m. yesterday?

3 this time yesterday?

4 at ten o'clock last Sunday morning?

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6 ★☆☆ Match the parts of the sentences.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0 While the teacher was talking, | ☒ e |
| 1 Evan was making an omelet | ☐ |
| 2 The boys were fighting | ☐ |
| 3 We were staying in a youth hostel | ☐ |
| 4 While I was reading in the bathtub, | ☐ |
| 5 She was brushing her teeth | ☐ |
- a when he burned his hand on the pan.
 b when their mom walked into the room.
 c I dropped my book in the water.
 d but the toothbrush broke.
 e I raised my hand to ask a question.
 f when we met Sandro.

7 ★☆☆ Circle the correct words.

- 0 Matthew played / was playing the guitar when he fell / was falling off the stage.
 1 I watched / was watching a basketball game when my sister came / was coming into the room.
 2 John and his sister walked / were walking to school when the accident happened / was happening.
 3 I talked / was talking about Kiki when she called / was calling me.
 4 Alma fell / was falling and hurt her leg while she skied / was skiing.
 5 While Ellie studied / was studying, she remembered / was remembering it was her mom's birthday.
 6 Josh lost / was losing his phone while he ran / was running.

when and while

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8 ★☆☆ Complete the sentences with when or while.

- 0 While I was trying to get to sleep, the dog started barking.
 1 She was eating an apple _____ she bit her tongue.
 2 We were driving in the car _____ we saw Robin on his bike.
 3 _____ I was waiting at the bus stop, I realized I didn't have any money.
 4 Olivia was taking the math test _____ her phone rang.

9 ★☆☆ Write two sentences about each picture.



- 0 Pablo / swim / saw / a turtle
While Pablo was swimming, he saw a turtle.
Pablo was swimming when he saw a turtle.



- 1 George / rock climb / drop / his bag



- 2 Megan / windsurf / fall / into the water



- 3 Sasha and Eva / walk / in the mountains / they / got lost

GET-IT-RIGHT!

Past continuous

We form the past continuous with *was/were* + the *-ing* form of the verb. We use *was* with *I, he, and she* and *were* with *we, you, and they*.

- ✓ We were playing soccer when it started to rain.
 ✗ We was playing soccer when it started to rain.
 ✓ I was windsurfing when the accident happened.