
PAST PROGRESSIVE

How to form: I, he, she, it **was + ing-form** I was working.
You, we, they **were + ing-form** They were working.

Negation: I **wasn't working** yesterday. He **was not mowing** the lawn.
We **weren't reading** the paper. They **were not studying** for the test.

Questions: **Was** he **watching** the new series?
Were you **cleaning** your flat last weekend?

Key words: while, when

How to use:

- We use it when an action in the past lasted a long time.
Example: What **were** they **doing** yesterday?
- If an action happened while another action took place. We use the past simple for the short action and the past progressive for the long action.
Example: When Tom **was cooking**, he **burnt** his hand.
- Two long past actions happen at the same time.
Examples: While I **was repairing** my bike, she **was watering** the flowers.
He **was watching** TV while she **was reading** a book.

PAST PROGRESSIVE 1

Fill in the past progressive tense into the gaps.

1. The girls _____ cards in the living room. (play)
2. Greg _____ for his wallet. (look)
3. Mr Miller _____ his car. (not wash)
4. Susan _____ her English homework. (do)
5. They _____ football yesterday afternoon. (not play)
6. I _____ for her in the park. (wait)
7. Carol and I _____ dinner when he arrived. (have)
8. Tom _____ in the pool. (not swim)
9. The boys _____ home from school. (cycle)
10. She _____ in her office. (work)
11. I _____ the new words. (not learn)
12. Ann _____ on the beach. (lie)
13. We _____ on the bench for a long time. (sit)
14. He _____ his aunt. (phone)
15. We _____ the essay together. (write)
16. Frank _____ breakfast. (prepare)
17. Mrs Summers _____ to him. (not listen)
18. Daniel _____ the shopping. (do)
19. They _____ the book. (not read)
20. They _____ their house. (decorate)