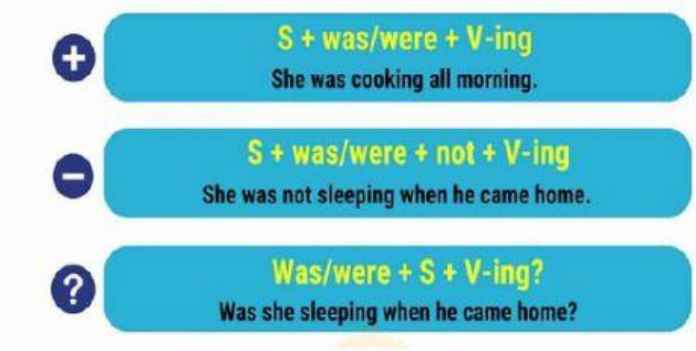
PAST CONTINOUS TENSE

Past continuous tense is used to:

A) Talk about actions that were ongoing in the past. We cannot determine when the action started or finished.
Example: Alice **was playing** with her brother at home yesterday.

B) Show interrupted action in the past.
Example: Sam **was driving** to work when he crashed his car.



AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	YES/NO QUESTIONS
I was dancing	I wasn't dancing	Was I dancing?
You were eating	You weren't eating	Were you eating?
He was sleeping	He wasn't sleeping	Was he sleeping?
She was reading	She wasn't reading	Was she reading?
It was running	It wasn't running	Was it running?
We were walking	We weren't walking	Were we walking?
They were studying	They weren't studying	Were they studying?

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Part A: Complete the sentences with 'was' or 'were'.

1. We **were** playing football yesterday at 9 o'clock in the morning.
2. I _____ taking an examination at 10 a.m.
3. The teacher _____ explaining the verbs.
4. The boys _____ singing rock songs.
5. Megan and Jen _____ playing Roblox.
6. My dad _____ watching a movie.
7. The cat _____ playing with the dog.

Part B: Fill in the blanks with past continuous tense.

1. He **was eating** an orange. (eat)
2. They _____ hard. (work)
3. Suresh _____ the traffic lights. (cross)
4. My grandmother _____ us stories. (tell)
5. We _____ the examinations. (take)
6. Simon _____ a letter. (write)
7. The children _____ all night. (dance)

Part C: Fill in the blanks with interrogative form of past continuous tense.

1. **Was** he **jumping**? (jump)
2. _____ they _____ in the same bus? (travel)
3. _____ she _____ an umbrella? (carry)
4. _____ the man _____ with a fishing rod? (fish)
5. _____ the patient _____ with pain? (cry)
6. _____ the teacher _____ a new lesson? (teach)
7. _____ everyone _____ me? (miss)

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Part D: Fill in the blanks with negative form of past continuous tense.

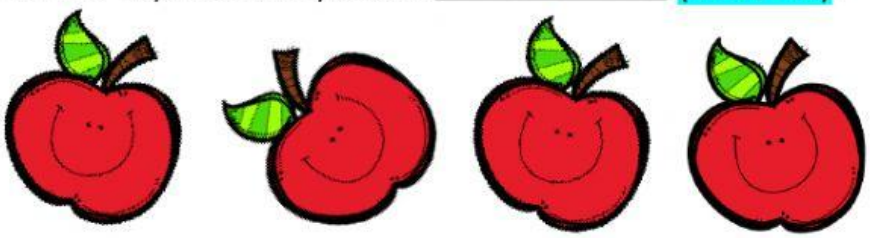
1. Susan **wasn't studying** all night. (not / study)
2. The children _____ their homework at 6 a.m. (not / do)
3. They _____ in the river. (not / swim)
4. Women _____ in the garden the whole day. (not / work)
5. I _____ computer games the whole evening. (not / play)
6. We _____ at the gym yesterday. (not / train)
7. When I came home, my husband _____ dinner. (not / cook)

Part E: Complete Tom's email with the past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi, Emma!

Something really strange happened to me today. I (1) _____ (walk) home from school and suddenly lots of apples started falling out of the sky. I couldn't believe it! It (2) _____ (rain) apples! Where (3) _____ they _____ (come) from? I went home and told my mum and brother, but they said I (4) _____ (not / tell) the truth. However, that evening, my mum and dad (5) _____ (watch) the news on TV and they heard the story. Nobody knows why the apples fell out of the sky, but they did. I _____ (not / lie)!

See you soon.



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