

THE PAST PROGRESSIVE

GRAMMAR 1

Past progressive

I / He / She	was	studying.	
We / They	were	taking	a test.

Question					Answer
Where	was	she	going?		She was going to the store.
What	were	you	doing	last night?	I was playing video games.

Use the past progressive for actions in progress in the past.

1 Write. Write the *-ing* form of the verbs.

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| 1. eat | _____ | 3. win | _____ | 5. swim | _____ |
| 2. live | _____ | 4. make | _____ | 6. sleep | _____ |

Complete the sentences using **was** or **were** and the verb with **ing**.

Example:

What was she eating? She was eating chocolate.

1. What _____ he _____ (study) yesterday afternoon?
2. He _____ (practice) Math.
3. I _____ (run) this morning.
4. What _____ you _____ (do) before I arrived?
5. I _____ (watch) TV
6. Marcela _____ (sing) a song.

7. My best friend _____ not _____ (read) the page.
8. What _____ they _____ (say)?
9. What _____ we _____ (talk) about?
10. My mom _____ not _____ (think) about food.

Complete the sentences. Then listen and check your answers. **TR: 7.1**

- Mom: What were you doing (you / do) last night, Sarah?
- Sarah: What do you mean, Mom? I _____ (sleep)!
- Dad: No, you _____ (not sleep). I heard you. You _____ (walk) around the house at 3 A.M.
- Thomas: I heard her, too, Dad. She _____ (make) a noise in the kitchen.
- Mom: I don't understand. Why _____ (you / make) a noise downstairs, Sarah?
- Sarah: I _____ (make) a . . . CAKE! Happy birthday, Mom!

Write. What about you? Write what you were doing at these times.

1. At 8 P.M. last night, I _____.
2. Half an hour ago, I _____.
3. I _____ when the cell phone rang.
4. When I injured myself, I _____.