

PAST CONTINUOUS

ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

A.B.P.P.
V.O.L.L.

SKILL Use reading strategies to make informative texts comprehensible and meaningful. **EFL 5.3.2.**

WEEKLY OBJECTIVE: At the end of this lesson students will be able to apply the Past continuous tense in exercises and short simple texts in context according to their level.

TOPIC: PAST CONTINUOUS

ANTICIPATION

A. Listen to the song. Then, drag and drop the correct verb to complete it from one of the verbs in the boxes.

Lemon Tree

Fool's Garden

I'm _____ here in the boring room
It's just another rainy Sunday afternoon
I'm _____ my time
I got nothing to do
I'm _____ around
I'm _____ for you
But nothing ever happens and I wonder

I'm _____ around in my car
I'm driving too fast
I'm driving too far
I'd like to change my point of view
I feel so lonely
I'm waiting for you
But nothing ever happens and I wonder

I wonder how
I wonder why
Yesterday you told me 'bout the blue blue sky
And all that I can see is just a yellow lemon-tree



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2UiY2wivTs>

sitting

waiting

wasting

hanging

driving

CONSTRUCTION

B. Read and analyze the information.

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

POSITIVE FORM

Sbj + was/were + Ving

I	+	was	+	starting
He				
She				
It				
You				
We	+	were	+	starting
You				
They				

+

Exs I was sleeping.
Exs We were sleeping.

NEGATIVE FORM

Sbj + was/were NOT + Ving

I	+	was not	+	starting
He				
She				
It		wasn't		
You				
We	+	were not	+	starting
You				
They		weren't		

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Exs I was not (wasn't) sleeping.
Exs We were not (weren't) sleeping.

QUESTION FORM

Was/Were + Sbj + Ving

Was	+	I	+	starting
		He		
		She		
		It		
Were	+	You		starting
		We		
		You		
		They		

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Exs He was sleeping.
Exs They were sleeping.

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Was he sleeping?

Were they sleeping?

FOR MORE INFORMATION WATCH THE VIDEO
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdhwwqVaFLc>

C. Use the prompts to write a full sentence.

- a) She / eat / pizza. _____.
- b) They / go / cinema. _____.
- c) We / walk / the dog. _____.
- d) I / shop. _____.
- e) You / do / your homework. _____.
- f) Steven and Amanda / drink / tea. _____.
- g) My sister / clean / the kitchen. _____.
- h) We / listen / to music. _____.
- i) It / snow / all day yesterday. _____.
- j) I / play / a computer game. _____.
- k) The teachers / talk / in the staffroom. _____.
- l) You / play / yesterday. _____.
- m) He / speak / English. _____.
- n) You / swim / in the river. _____.
- o) My mother / do / exercises. _____.
- p) My father / prepare / salad. _____.

D. Fill the gaps using the verb in brackets in the past continuous tense.

- 1) I _____ letters all day yesterday. (write)
- 2) You _____ very slow about it. (be)
- 3) You _____ on the phone for hours and hours. (talk)
- 4) They _____ much business before lunch. (not – do)
- 5) She _____ to me all week. Silly cow. (not – speak)
- 6) It _____ for long. (not – rain)
- 7) What _____ you _____ when I phoned yesterday? (do)
- 8) _____ you _____ TV when it happened? (watch)
- 9) What _____ you _____ at the party? (wear)
- 10) He _____ English to everyone. (teach)
- 11) I _____ computer games all morning. (play)
- 12) We _____ all afternoon in the library. (revise)

CONSOLIDATION

HOMEWORK

1. What was happening in the park? Complete the sentences with the past continuous affirmative or negative form of the verbs.

- 1- Chris _____ (shout).
- 2- Juan and José _____ (ride) their bikes.
- 3- Sara and Eva _____ (dance).
- 4- Elsa _____ (play) tennis.
- 5- Pablo _____ (kick) a ball.
- 6- Jorge _____ (talk) on his cell phone.

2. Look at the picture in exercise 1 and complete the conversation. Use the past continuous form of the verbs.

argue – have – listen – not look – play – not play – read – run

Jake: Was Jorge in the park yesterday afternoon? I guess he _____ soccer with the other boys.

Paula: No, he _____ soccer. He _____ a book.

Jake: Someone told me that Sara and Eva _____ about music again. They never agree!

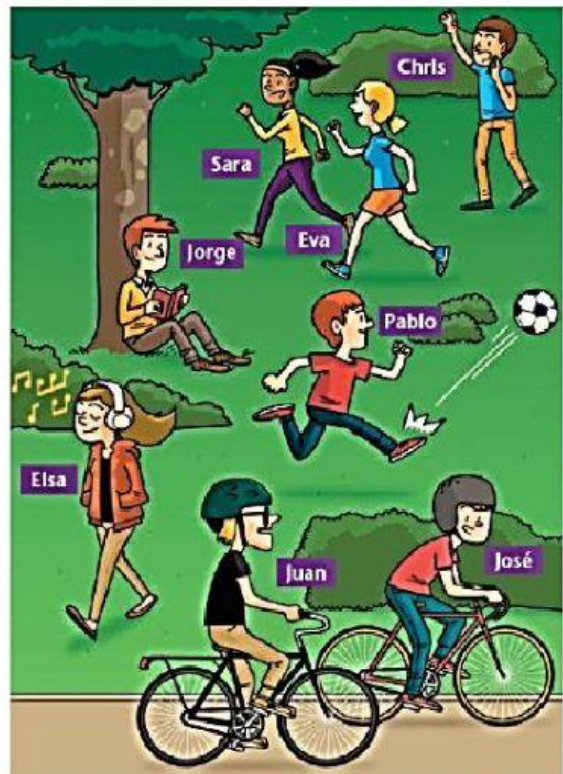
Paula: No, that isn't true. They _____ in the park and they _____ fun together.

Jake: Was Elsa with them?

Paula: No, she _____ to her favorite songs. I think wanted to speak to her, but she _____ at him.

3. What were the people doing at 6pm yesterday? Look at the picture, read the sentences and write the correct number.

- _____ a. The man was talking on the phone.
- _____ b. The boys were playing a game.
- _____ c. The old woman wasn't sleeping. She was reading a book.
- _____ d. The woman wasn't dancing. She was doing exercise.
- _____ e. The girls weren't watching TV. They were arguing.
- _____ f. The old man was eating dinner.



Resources: computer, mobile phone, internet, portfolio folder, sheets. Teachers, parents

Did you know?

We use past continuous to talk about actions and states in progress (happening) around a particular time in the past.

Remember

The past continuous is formed using **was/were + gerund form of the verb**

Curious fact...

The past continuous also is called past progressive.

Relationship with values

Assertive communication

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