

## Past continuous

### 1. UTILIZARE

Se foloseste pentru a exprima o actiune care era in desfasurare la un moment din trecut sau doua actiuni care se desfasurau in acelasi timp in trecut. In limba romana se poate traduce (aproximativ) cu **imperfectul**: e.g. El **dormea** ieri la ora 3./In timp ce el **dormea**, eu **citeam** o carte.

### 2. FORMARE

Se formeaza cu ajutorul verbului **TO BE** la trecut si verbul de conjugat cu terminatia **-ing**. Verbul to be se conjuga la trecut acordandu-se cu subiectul.

#### • AFIRMATIV

**S + TO BE (LA TRECUT) + V-ING**  
(WAS/WERE)

I  
She  
They  
My friends  
Mary

was  
was  
were  
were  
was

sleeping  
watching  
cooking  
playing  
driving

at 5 yesterday.  
TV last night.  
(at) this time last week.  
football (at) this time yesterday.  
when I called her.

#### • INTEROGATIV

Se formeaza prin inversiunea verbului **TO BE** cu **SUBIECTUL**.

**TO BE (LA TRECUT) + S + V-ING**  
(WAS/WERE)

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- **NEGATIV**

Se formeaza cu negatia NOT atasata la WAS sau WERE

**S + TO BE (LA TRECUT) + NOT + V-ING**

(WAS/WERE)

↓	↓	↓	↓	
I	was	not (wasn't)	sleeping	at 5 yesterday.
She	was	not (wasn't)	watching	TV last night.
They	were	not (weren't)	cooking	(at) this time last week.
My friends	were	not (weren't)	playing	football (at) this time yesterday.
Mary	was	not (wasn't)	driving	when I called her.

### EXERCISES

1. Choose between **was** or **were** to make sentences:

- Julie was were sleeping at three a clock yesterday.
- You was were studying when I called you last week.
- Mary was were exercising when I saw her.
- They was were doing their homework at this time last week.
- We was were watching a horror movie when the storm started.

2. Choose the correct answer. Sometimes two answers may be correct:

- What \_\_\_ at eight o'clock last night?
  - you were doing
  - you doing
  - were you doing
- The police stopped Willis as \_\_\_ to the airport.
  - was driving
  - he was driving
  - he is driving
- When I got to work, I realised that I \_\_\_ my watch.
  - were not wearing
  - was not wearing
  - wasn't wearing
- Where \_\_\_ when they had their first child?
  - were Rob and Rebecca living
  - Rob and Rebecca were living
  - living Rob and Rebecca
- Anyway, what \_\_\_ about? I can't remember.
  - were I talking
  - was I talking
  - I were talking
- By the time we got to the party, \_\_\_ home.

- everyone was going
  - was everyone going
  - was going everyone
- g) One of our teachers told us that we \_\_\_\_ hard enough.
- not were working
  - weren't working
  - were not working
- h) Jules \_\_\_\_ in and out of love when he was a young man.
- was always falling
  - was falling always
  - always was falling