

## 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	<b>was</b>	<b>sleeping</b>	at 5 yesterday.
She	<b>was</b>	<b>watching</b>	TV last night.
They	<b>were</b>	<b>cooking</b>	(at) this time last week.
My friends	<b>were</b>	<b>playing</b>	football (at) this time yesterday.
Mary	<b>was</b>	<b>driving</b>	when I called her.

#### • INTEROGATIV

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

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

(WAS/WERE)

<b>Was</b>	I	<b>sleeping</b>	at 5 yesterday?
<b>Was</b>	she	<b>watching</b>	TV last night?
<b>Were</b>	they	<b>cooking</b>	(at) this time last week?
<b>Were</b>	my friends	<b>playing</b>	football (at) this time yesterday?
<b>Was</b>	Mary	<b>driving</b>	when I called her?

### • NEGATIV

Se formeaza cu negatia NOT atasata la WAS sau WERE

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

(WAS/WERE)

I	<b>was</b>	not (wasn't)	<b>sleeping</b>	at 5 yesterday.
She	<b>was</b>	not (wasn't)	<b>watching</b>	TV last night.
They	<b>were</b>	not (weren't)	<b>cooking</b>	(at) this time last week.
My friends	<b>were</b>	not (weren't)	<b>play<b>ing</b></b>	football (at) this time yesterday.
Mary	<b>was</b>	not (wasn't)	<b>driv<b>ing</b></b>	when I called her.

### EXERCISES

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

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

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

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