

LE PRETERIT BE + V-ing

Observez :

They weren't talking, and they weren't eating. As if they were all suffering from a sleepless night...

→ A la forme affirmative, on ajoute **WAS / WERE** (= auxiliaire **BE** conjugué au **PRETERIT** devant le V-ing)

→ A la forme négative, on ajoute **NOT** à **WAS / WERE** .

→ A la forme interrogative, on écrit **WAS / WERE + Sujet + V-ing + ?**

Conclusion :

Le prétérit Be + V-ing permet d'évoquer *des actions encore en cours* à un certain moment du passé.

On le forme avec l'auxiliaire BE au prétérit : WAS / WERE et la BV + V-ing

Forme affirmative +	Forme négative -	Forme interrogative ?
I / he / she / it WAS eat ING	I / he / she / it WASN'T eat ING	WAS I / he / she / it eat ING ?
You / we / they WERE eat ING	You / we / they WEREN'T eat ING	WERE you / we / they eat ING ?

On peut traduire « I was eating » par **je mangeais** ou **j'étais en train de manger**.

Now, practise :

1. Conjugate these verbs in the past BE + V-ing.

- Bella (talk) to her friends when Edward came in.
- Jacob (not / cry) because of Bella yesterday.
- Why (you / not / watch) over her ?
- While Stefan (fight) a dangerous enemy, Damon tried to kiss Elena.

2. Complete these sentences using the correct verb and conjugate it in the past BE + V-ing: watch / turn / think / kiss.

- Jenny the TV show on Dracula when her mother arrived.
- Lestat Louis into a vampire last night. (Lestat = a man)

c. Bella that she might be in love with Edward.

d. Elena Stefan or Damon ?

3. Correct the grammar mistakes in these sentences. There are two mistakes in one of the sentences.

a. Bella living in Arizona for a long time.

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b. Were you kissing edward when I arrive ?

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c. Elena comed from Fell's Church.

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d. Damon and Stefan was fighting again.

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e. Did Bela Lugosi got buried in Dracula suit ?

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4. Conjugate these verbs in the simple past or past Be +V-ing :

a. These strange teenagers (be) so handsome. They (not / look alike) but yet they (be) exactly all the same.

b. Bella (look at) them when Edward (turn) his face towards her.

c. Yesterday, Bonnie (cast) a spell while Stefan (feed) on Elena's blood.