

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

We use the past continuous to talk about the **past**:

- for something that **happened before and after a specific time**:

It was eight o'clock. I was writing a letter.

Compare: *At eight o'clock I wrote (= started writing) some letters.*

- to show that something **continued for some time**:

My head was aching.

Everyone was shouting.

- for something that **happened again and again**:

I was practising every day, three times a day.

They were meeting secretly after school.

They were always quarrelling.

- with verbs which show **change or growth**:

The children were growing up quickly.

Her English was improving.

My hair was going grey.

The town was changing quickly.

SENTENCE STRUCTURE!

Affirmative and negative form:

I/He/She/It was +V+ing

I/He/She/it was not+V+ing (wasn't)

We/You/They were+ V+ing

We/You/They were not+V+ing

(weren't)

Questions and short answers

Was I/He/She /It +V + ing?

Yes, I/He/She /it was.

No, I/He/She /it wasn't.

Were we/you/they + V+ing

Yes, we/you/they were.

No. we/you/they weren't.

REMEMBER: Verb + ING

Verb+ ing: read- reading

do- doing

-e+ing: write- writing (-e)

make- making

- 1 vowel before 1

consonant: stop-stopping,

run-running

-y+ ing: enjoy-enjoying,

study-studying

Are you ready? Let 's work now!!

Task 1 - Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the Past Continuous Tense.

- 1) You _____ the walls of his house yesterday. (paint)
- 2) Mavis _____ a horse when she broke her arm. (not ride)
- 3) The two men _____ heavy boxes yesterday afternoon. (carry)
- 4) I _____ when you wake me up. (not dream)
- 5) Larry _____ his teeth at 7 yesterday. (clean)
- 6) They _____ when I came in. (not work)
- 7) The dog _____ on the bed last night. (not sleep)

Task 2 -First make the sentences negative. Then rewrite them with the given information. Look at the example.

Important: Do not change words like "He" for Mike.

Repeat the name given again. Be careful with spelling! Use was not and were not (not wasn't or weren't)

e.g.: Mike was sleeping in his bed. (on the bus)

► Mike was not sleeping in his bed. Mike was sleeping on the bus.

- 1) The teacher was teaching the students. (correct the tests)

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

- 2) Tim and Brad were buying some food. (play tennis)

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

- 3) You were opening the door. (close the window)

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

4) We were going to school. (travel to Paris)

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

5) They were drinking some juice. (have dinner)

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

Task 3 - Turn these sentences into questions and answer them

1. You were climbing a mountain. _____?

Yes, _____.

2. He was cooking lunch. _____?

No, _____.

3. They were doing their homework. _____?

Yes, _____.

4. She was writing a letter. _____?

Yes, _____.

5. The machine was working. _____?

No, _____.