

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

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

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

I 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, _____.