

I was thinking about the PAST CONTINUOUS...



Formation of the Past Continuous: Subject + was/were + verb with "ing"

Task 1. Fill in the blanks with "was" or "were"

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| 1. You _____ talking in your sleep! | 6. _____ it raining last night? |
| 2. He _____ eating with his fingers! | 7. We _____ having a great time. |
| 3. They _____ shouting "Hooray!" | 8. Susan and Joanne _____ talking all night. |
| 4. I _____ wondering if I could borrow this. | 9. Who _____ singing in the bathroom? |
| 5. What _____ you doing yesterday? | 10. Why _____ she crying? |

Task 2. Negative form. Fill in the blanks with "wasn't" or "weren't"

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| 1. Sorry. I _____ listening. | 6. Mark and I _____ running in the hall! |
| 2. They _____ enjoying themselves much. | 7. Please. I _____ staring at you. |
| 3. I _____ snoring. I was just breathing loud. | 8. She _____ wearing your hat. It was mine. |
| 4. Why _____ he reading during Silent Reading? | 9. Of course I _____ checking my Facebook account. |
| 5. We checked and the pipes _____ leaking. | 10. No, we _____ laughing just now. |

Task 3. ING form. Just add "-ing" except where you need to drop the final "e" or add a double consonant ("jogging")

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| 1. My brother was _____ (drive) me mad. | 6. The girls were _____ (do) sit-ups. |
| 2. She was _____ (tap) her foot incessantly. | 7. They were _____ (swim) in a river. |
| 3. Why were you _____ (run)? | 8. We were all _____ (sneeze) and coughing. |
| 4. They weren't _____ (wear) uniforms. | 9. He wasn't _____ (look) at you. |
| 5. Why was the teacher _____ (shout)? | 10. Jan was _____ (text) while driving. |

Task 4. Make sentences from the cues.

Example: John / talk / during class. **John was talking during class.**

- 1 We / think / about recycling _____
- 2 They / not / sing / at the concert _____
- 3 I / not / pay / attention _____
- 4 Why / you / not / watch / the movie ? _____
- 5 Who / clap / at the end ? _____

Task 5. The past continuous indicates an ongoing activity while the simple past indicates a finished action. Look and circle the correct form of the verb.

1. I **was reading** / read a book when my mother was coming / came in.
2. He **was taking** / took a shower when the lights went / were going off.
3. The rain **started** / was starting to fall while we walked / were walking in the park.
4. We **were eating** / ate our dinner when someone knocked / was knocking on the door.
5. They **were walking** / walked to school when suddenly they saw / were seeing an unusual light.

