

## THE PAST PROGRESSIVE (CONTINUOUS) TENSE

Pronouns	Affirmative sentence	Negative sentence	Interrogative sentence
I/ He/ She/ It	I <b>was</b> reading	I was <b>not</b> reading. (was not=wasn't)	<b>Was</b> I reading? – Yes, I was./No, I wasn't.
You/ We/ They	They <b>were</b> reading	They were <b>not</b> reading. (were not=weren't)	<b>Were</b> they reading? – Yes, they were./No, they weren't.

**PAST CONTINUOUS (PROGRESSIVE) = PAST SIMPLE "TO BE" (WAS, WERE) + PRESENT PARTICIPLE (INFINITIVE + -ING)**

PRESENT PARTICIPLE: PLAY+ING=PLAYING.

BUT:

1. TAKE ~~+~~ ING = TAKING (DRIVE ~~+~~=DRIVING, MAKE ~~+~~=MAKING, WRITE ~~+~~=MAKING, ...)
2. SWIM + ING = SWIMMING (PLAN=PLANNING, TRAVEL=TRAVELLING, RUN=RUNNING, SIT=SITTING, GET=GETTING, STOP=STOPPING, ...)

USE THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PAST CONTINUOUS (PROGRESSIVE) TENSE:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ all morning yesterday. (sing)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ TV at 7 o'clock last night? (watch)
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ in the forest while Tom \_\_\_\_\_ a snowman. (run/make)
4. While we \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, they \_\_\_\_\_. (have, sleep)
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ their bicycles at 10 last Sunday. (not ride)
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ the lunch basket. (pack)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_. (not swim)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ to help? (try)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ those women \_\_\_\_\_ at this shop? (buy)
10. Mark and Tom \_\_\_\_\_ while Ann \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes. (cook, do)