

PAST CONTINUOUS

I. USE - When do we use the *past continuous*? Read and match.

1. an action in progress happening at a specific moment in the past	a. It was a cold November night. The wind was blowing and the moon was shining.
2. an action happening when another action happened (an interrupted action) - <i>for the shorter action that interrupts the longer action we use Past Simple</i>	b. Barack Obama was playing basketball while Leonardo diCaprio was doing karate.
3. two actions happening at the same time in the past	c. Taylor Swift was filming a video when the electricity went off.
4. background descriptions (stories)	d. At 12 o'clock yesterday Donald Trump was playing golf.

II. FORM

a) Fill in the gaps with the words from the box below. Some can be used more than once.

watching	were	was	was not (wasn't)	were not (weren't)			
Affirmative: <i>Subject +was/were + vb+ing</i>	Negative: <i>S +was/were not (wasn't/weren't) + vb+ing</i>						
I/He/She/It _____ reading.	I/He/She/It _____ sleeping.						
You/We/They _____ studying.	You/We/They _____ doing chores.						
Interrogative: <i>was/were + Subject + vb+ing</i>							
_____ I/he/she/it _____ a film yesterday evening?							
_____ You/We/They _____ a film yesterday evening?							
Yes, I/he/she/it _____ ./ No, you/we/they _____.							

b) Spelling: Fill in the gaps and make rules. Give another example for each category.

-e: <u>e</u> + _____	_____ + ing	-ie-> _____ + ing	-cons.+ vowel + cons.-> double last cons.+ing
make <u>e</u> → making	en <u>joy</u> → enjoying	<u>tie</u> → <u>tying</u>	swim- <u>swim</u> <u>ming</u>
dance <u>e</u> → dancing	try → trying	<u>lie</u> → <u>lying</u>	run- <u>run</u> <u>ning</u>
BUT			
open-opening / offer-offering (the <i>o</i> is stressed, not the <i>e</i>)			

III. TIME WORDS Put the letters in order and make a word.

ilewh _____ ; sa _____