

# LESSON 14

## Past Continuous Tense



Thì quá khứ tiếp diễn

Let's Learn!

Past Continuous - *Thì quá khứ tiếp diễn*

★ *Hành động xảy ra tại một thời điểm xác định trong quá khứ.*

⊕ *S + was/ were + V-ing.*

⊖ *S + wasn't/ weren't + V-ing.*

⌚ *Was/ Were + S + V-ing?*

• *at + thời gian trong quá khứ*

• *this time yesterday/ last...*

★ *Hai hành động song song cùng xảy ra trong quá khứ.*

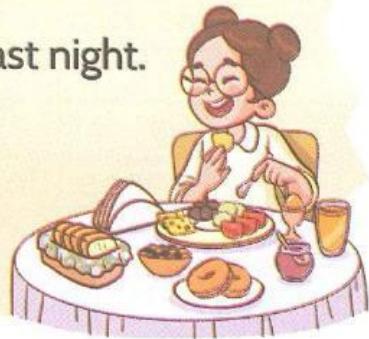
• *While + S<sub>1</sub> + was/were + V-ing,  
S<sub>2</sub> + was/were + V-ing.*

★ *Một hành động đang xảy ra thì bị hành động khác chen ngang.*

• *When + S<sub>1</sub> + V-ed/P<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub> + was/were + V-ing.  
While + S<sub>1</sub> + was/were + V-ing, S<sub>2</sub> + V-ed/P<sub>1</sub>.*

**Examples:**

- ★ The children **were watching** TV at 8 p.m. last night.
- ★ While my mother **was preparing** dinner,  
my father was watering the flowers.
- ★ When we **came**, Jane **was having** dinner.



## Let's Practice



**Exercise 1: Complete the table. (Hoàn thành bảng sau.)**

V-inf

V-ing form  
(Present continuous)

Vs/es form  
(Present simple)

Play

Swim

Lie

Use

Buy

Get

Study

Watch

Go

Sing

*Exercise 2: Circle the correct answers.*



*(Khoanh tròn đáp án đúng.)*

- 1 Anna **was sleeping** **were sleeping** at two o'clock.
- 2 We **were watching** **watching** TV at ten o'clock.
- 3 He **reading** **was reading** a book when the phone rang.
- 4 The children **were growing up** **was growing up** quickly.
- 5 While I was studying, my mother **was cooking** **cook** her favourite dish.
- 6 My son **was doing** **were doing** his homework when I got home.
- 7 I fell asleep while I **was reading** **were reading** a book.
- 8 He **was running** **were running** late for his appointment.
- 9 At four o'clock, I **was hanging** **were hanging** out with my friends.
- 10 John **was listening** **were listening** to music while his father was watching TV in the living room.

**Exercise 3: Fill in the blanks with “was / were”. (Điền vào chỗ trống với “was / were”.)**

 **1** The workers ..... repairing the road.

**2** I ..... waiting for my friend at the coffee shop.

**3** I ..... playing with my friends in the park.

**4** They ..... singing a song in the classroom.

**5** I ..... not watching TV at that time.

**6** They ..... not eating their lunch in the cafeteria.

**7** She ..... not wearing her school uniform today.

**8** ..... you playing with your friends in the park?

**9** ..... they singing a song in the classroom?

**10** ..... she dancing happily in her room?

 **Exercise 4: Fill in the gaps with the V-ing form of the verbs in the brackets. (Điền vào chỗ trống với dạng V-ing.)**

**1** She was ..... **dance** happily in her room.

**2** Were we ..... **clap** our hands to the music?

**3** He was ..... **paint** a beautiful picture on the canvas.

**4** We were just ..... **talk** about it before you arrived.

**5** The cat was ..... **sleep** on the couch.

6 The birds were ..... chirp in the trees.

7 He was ..... not play his favourite video game.

8 Were the flowers ..... bloom beautifully in the garden?

9 Was the rain ..... fall heavily from the sky?

10 The dog was ..... not bark at the postman.

*Exercise 5: Fill in the blanks using the past continuous tense.*

*(Điền vào chỗ trống sử dụng thì quá khứ tiếp diễn.)*

1 ..... you ..... [enjoy] our vacation by the beach?

2 The teacher ..... [explain] the lesson to the class.

3 ..... the fireflies ..... [glow] in the dark?

4 ..... the snow ..... [fall] softly from the sky?

5 The teacher ..... [not give] us any homework.

6 The sun ..... [not shine] brightly today.

7 My mom ..... [not enjoy] her coffee this morning.

8 We ..... [run] faster than the wind.

9 The dog ..... [chase] its tail in the backyard.

10 The children ..... [laugh] and playing together.



**Exercise 6: Change the following sentences into positive (+); negative (-) or interrogative (?). (Chuyển các câu dưới đây sang dạng khẳng định, phủ định hoặc nghi vấn.)**

1 I was cooking dinner yesterday at this time.

- .....

? .....

2 She was studying hard for her exams.

- .....

? .....

3 They were playing basketball in the park.

- .....

? .....

4 We were attending the concert while it was raining outside.

- .....

? .....

5 He was busy designing his website.

- .....

? .....

6 The children were dancing to the music.

- .....

? .....

7 Sarah was reading her favourite book.

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?

8 The guests were enjoying the food on the table.

—

?

9 I was driving home from work.

—

?

10 Mary was watching a movie when I called.

—

?

*Exercise 7: Write the answers.*

*(Viết các câu trả lời.)*

1 Was he painting a beautiful picture on the canvas?

★ Yes,

★ No,



2 Was the cat sleeping on the couch?

★ Yes,

★ No,





3 Were the birds chirping in the trees?

★ Yes,

★ No,



4 Were we running faster than the wind?

★ Yes,

★ No,



5 Was the dog chasing its tail in the backyard?

★ Yes,

★ No,



6 Were the children laughing and playing together?

★ Yes,

★ No,



7 Was the teacher explaining the lesson to the class?

★ Yes,

★ No,



8 Was the Sun shining bright in the sky?

★ Yes,

★ No,



9 Was your mom cooking delicious food in the kitchen?

★ Yes,

★ No,



10 Were they watching a movie on TV?

★ Yes,

★ No,



**Exercise 8: Circle the correct answers.**

(Khoanh tròn đáp án đúng.)

1 They ..... not going to the zoo.

A. was      B. were      C. do      D. does

2 The Sun ..... shining bright in the sky.

A. were      B. do      C. was      D. does

3 My mom ..... cooking delicious food in the kitchen.

A. was      B. does      C. were      D. do

4 The baby ..... crawling on the floor.

A. do      B. were      C. does      D. was

5 The flowers ..... blooming beautifully in the garden.

A. were      B. was      C. do      D. does

6 ..... the bees buzzing around the flowers?

A. Does      B. Do      C. Were      D. Was

7 ..... the football player kicking the ball into the net?

A. Do      B. Was      C. Does      D. Were

8 I ..... not feeling well.

A. was      B. does      C. were      D. do



9

..... she writing a letter to her best friend?

A. Does      B. Do      C. Was      D. Were

10

They ..... not having a party at this time last night.

A. was      B. does      C. do      D. were

*Exercise 9: Reorder the words to make correct sentences.*



*(Sắp xếp các từ sau để tạo thành câu hoàn chỉnh.)*

1

I / a book / quietly / in my room. / was reading

I was reading a book quietly in my room.

2

in your room? / Were you / reading a book / quietly

Were you reading a book quietly in your room?

3

were watching / a movie / They / on TV.

They were watching a movie on TV.

4

a picnic / Were they having / near the lake?

Were they having a picnic near the lake?

5

the baby crawling / Was / on the floor?

Was the baby crawling on the floor?

6

the mouse. / The cat / was not chasing

The cat was not chasing the mouse.

7 The birds / anymore. / were not singing

8 They / a picnic / near the lake./ were having

9 the store. / We / to / were not driving

10 outside./ was not falling / The snow

*Exercise 10: Correct the underlined mistakes.*

*(Sửa lỗi sai cho phần gạch chân.)*

1 The rain was not come down.

2 The bees was not pollinating the flowers.

3 Were the student studying hard for their exams?

4 The baby was no crying anymore.

5 He was practiceing his guitar skills.

6 The firefly were glowing in the dark.

7 The snow was fall softly from the sky.

8 Were the airplane flying high in the sky?

9 We were not play soccer in the rain.

10 Was the rivers flowing calmly towards the sea?