

# LESSON 14

## Past Continuous Tense



Let's Learn!

Thì quá khứ tiếp diễn

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.

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2 She was studying hard for her exams.

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3 They were playing basketball in the park.

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

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5 He was busy designing his website.

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6 The children were dancing to the music.

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7 Sarah was reading her favourite book.

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8 The guests were enjoying the food on the table.

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9 I was driving home from work.

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10 Mary was watching a movie when I called.

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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  
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- 2 in your room? / Were you / reading a book / quietly  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 were watching / a movie / They / on TV.  
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- 4 a picnic / Were they having / near the lake?  
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- 5 the baby crawling / Was / on the floor?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 the mouse. / The cat / was not chasing  
 \_\_\_\_\_



7 The birds / anymore. / were not singing

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

.....

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

.....

10 outside./ was not falling / The snow

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*Exercise 10: Correct the underlined mistakes.*

*(Sửa lỗi sai cho phần gạch chân.)*



1 The rain was not come down.

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2 The bees was not pollinating the flowers.

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3 Were the student studying hard for their exams?

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4 The baby was no crying anymore.

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5 He was practiceing his guitar skills.

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6 The firefly were glowing in the dark.

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7 The snow was fall softly from the sky.

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8 Were the airplane flying high in the sky?

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9 We were not play soccer in the rain.

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10 Was the rivers flowing calmly towards the sea?

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