

# I was doing (past continuous)

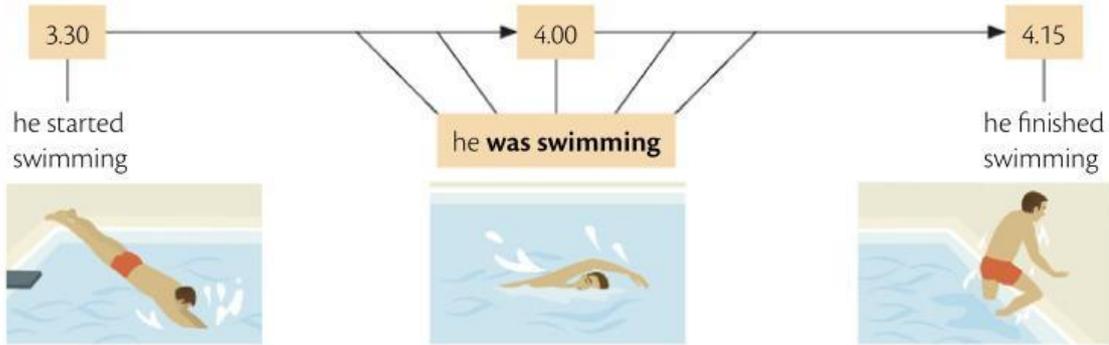
A



It is 6 o'clock now.  
Paul **is** at home.  
He **is watching** TV.

At 4 o'clock he **wasn't** at home.  
He **was** at the sports club.

He **was swimming** in the pool.  
He **wasn't watching** TV.



B

**was/were + -ing** is the *past continuous*:

*positive*

I he she it	<b>was</b>	<b>doing</b> <b>watching</b> <b>playing</b> <b>swimming</b> <b>living</b> etc.
we you they	<b>were</b>	

*negative*

I he she it	<b>was not</b> <b>(wasn't)</b>	<b>doing</b> <b>watching</b> <b>playing</b> <b>swimming</b> <b>living</b> etc.
we you they	<b>were not</b> <b>(weren't)</b>	

*question*

<b>was</b>	I he she it	<b>doing?</b> <b>watching?</b> <b>playing?</b> <b>swimming?</b> <b>living?</b> etc.
<b>were</b>	we you they	

- What **were** you **doing** at 11.30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- 'What did he say?' 'I don't know. I **wasn't listening**'
- It **was raining** so we didn't go out.
- In 2009 we **were living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

Spelling (live → living / run → running / lie → lying etc.) → **Appendix 5**

C

**am/is/are + -ing** (*present*) → **was/were + -ing** (*past*):

*present*

- I'm **working** (now).
- It **isn't raining** (now).
- What **are** you **doing** (now)?

*past*

- I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- What **were** you **doing** at 3 o'clock?

# Exercises

**13.1** Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write two sentences for each picture.

				
RACHEL at home watch TV	JACK KATE at the cinema watch a film	TOM in his car drive	TRACEY at the station wait for a train	MR AND MRS HALL in the park walk

- Rachel was at home. She was watching TV.*
- Jack and Kate ..... They .....
- Tom .....
- .....
- .....
- And you? I .....

**13.2** Sarah did a lot of things yesterday morning. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

7.10 – 7.25  breakfast	7.30 – 8.10 	8.30 – 9.00 
9.20 – 10.00 	10.15 – 11.45 	12.00 – 12.45 

- At 8.45 *she was washing her car.*
- At 10.45 she .....
- At 8 o'clock .....
- At 12.10 .....
- At 7.15 .....
- At 9.30 .....

**13.3** Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

1 (you/live) <i>Where were you living</i> ..... in 2012?	In London. I was asleep. No, it was sunny. Because she was late. No, a T-shirt and jeans.
2 (you/do) ..... at 2 o'clock?	
3 (it/rain) ..... when you got up?	
4 (Sue/drive) ..... so fast?	
5 (Tom/wear) ..... a suit yesterday?	

**13.4** Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write positive or negative sentences.



- (wear / a jacket) *He wasn't wearing a jacket.*
- (carry / a bag) .....
- (go / to the dentist) .....
- (eat / an ice cream) .....
- (carry / an umbrella) .....
- (go / home) .....
- (wear / a hat) .....
- (ride / a bicycle) .....