

THE PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

I Write the *-ing* form of the verbs.

- 1 like → _____ 2 stay → _____ 3 run → _____
 4 sit → _____ 5 cycle → _____ 6 come → _____
 7 dig → _____ 8 cry → _____ 9 travel → _____

II WAS or WERE?

- We _____ dancing.
- The dog _____ barking.
- The printer _____ printing out the photographs.
- The pupils _____ doing a test.
- Sue and Gareth _____ walking down the road.
- Men _____ playing cards.
- His brothers _____ digging a hole in the garden.

Subject + was/were + V.-ing			
I / He / She / It	was	talking	to her.
You / We / They	were	reading	magazines.
Subject + was/were + not + V.-ing			
I / He / She / It	was	not	talking to her.
You / We / They	were	not	reading magazines.
Was/Were + Subject + V.-ing?			
Was	I / he / she / it	talking	to her?
Were	you / we / they	reading	magazines?
Who/What/Where/When/Why/How + was/were + Subject + V.-ing?			
Who	was	I / he / she / it	talking to?
What	were	you / we / they	reading?

III Complete the sentences.

- Thomas _____ (sleep).
- Nick and Tracy _____ (eat) their dinner.
- James _____ (not write) an e-mail.
- My little sister _____ (get) ready for bed.
- Greg _____ (have) a bath.
- I _____ (not study) for the exam.
- It _____ (rain) all night.
- Ann's mother _____ (hurry) along the street.
- Mr. Bereth _____ (run) in the park.
- The boys _____ (not tidy) their room.



IV Complete the table in the past continuous tense.

positive	negative	question
It <i>was raining</i> .		
	They <i>were not playing</i> .	
		Was I <i>listening</i> ?
	Caron <i>was not eating</i> .	
You <i>were singing</i> .		
		Was Martin <i>brushing</i> his teeth?

V Write sentences in the past continuous tense.

1. he / wash / car _____
2. she / go / home _____
3. they / not / watch / match _____
4. you / work / shop _____
5. I / not / read/ magazine _____
6. My sisters / play / computer games _____
7. Mike / not / revise / test _____

VI Write questions in the past continuous tense.

1. she / on a chair / sit ? _____
2. you / your bag / pack? _____
3. his head / ache ? _____
4. we / tea / drink ? _____
5. you / the bike / repair? _____
6. they / get ready/ to go out? _____
7. Alex / do / his project? _____

VI Ask for the information in the bold part of the sentence.

1. Jamie was doing a language course **in London**.



2. Andrew was carrying **a heavy box**.

3. **The teacher** was testing our English.

4. **At six o'clock**, we were having dinner.

5. Sally was hurrying to school **because she was late**.

Simple Past vs. Past Continuous

Simple Past	Past Continuous
We use the simple past to talk about: <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Completed actions, habits and facts in the past.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I went to the cinema yesterday.• I always visited my grandparents in my summer holidays when I was little.• I lived near Liverpool for a couple of years. 	The past continuous is used to express: <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Interrupted actions, specific time as an interruption and parallel actions.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was watching TV when the phone rang.• Last night at 7pm, I was having dinner.• While she was doing her homework her brother was playing football. 

VII Complete the sentences (Use the simple past tense or the past continuous tense).

1. When I _____ (see) the twister, I _____ (run) into the house.
2. I _____ (wait) for the bus when you _____ (call) me.
3. Joe _____ (see) the fire and _____ (warn) everyone.
4. Joe _____ (watch) a film at the cinema at five o'clock.
5. We _____ (do) our English test when the headmaster _____ (enter).
6. When I _____ (arrive) home the children _____ (watch) TV.
7. While Millie _____ (leave) her house, the phone _____ (ring)