

# PAST CONTINUOUS

Grammar Worksheet • No Answer Key

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Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Quick Reminder

**Affirmative:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing

**Negative:** Subject + wasn't/weren't + verb-ing

**Question:** Was/Were + subject + verb-ing?

**Use:** An action in progress at a specific time in the past. We often use it with *while* and *when*.

## A. Complete the sentences

Put the verbs in brackets into the past continuous.

- At 8 o'clock last night, I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film.
- My friends \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball at 5 p.m. yesterday.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) when I called her.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner at that time.
- What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) at 7 yesterday evening?
- The students \_\_\_\_\_ (study) while the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (write) on the board.

## B. Make the sentences negative

Rewrite each sentence in the negative form.

- He was riding his bike at 6 p.m.

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- They were talking during the lesson.

\_\_\_\_\_

- I was doing my homework at 9 o'clock.

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## C. Write questions

Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- you / sleep / at midnight / were / ?

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- what / she / doing / was / at 4 p.m. / ?

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- they / watching TV / were / when you arrived / ?

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## D. Past continuous or past simple?

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home when it \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain.
2. While we \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus, we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) our teacher.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his phone while he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football.
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) when the lights \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out?

### **E. Your turn**

Write complete sentences. Use the past continuous.

1. What were you doing at 7 p.m. yesterday?

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2. What were your friends doing while you were studying?

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3. Describe what people were doing in your classroom at this time yesterday.

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