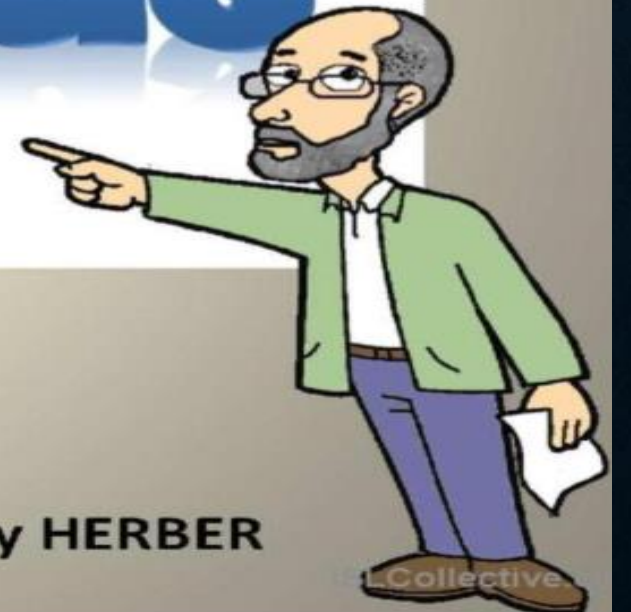


English grammar

PAST CONTINUOUS



by HERBER

Collective

PAST CONTINUOUS

AFFIRMATIVE

I was watching

You were watching

He was watching

She was watching

It was watching



PAST CONTINUOUS

NEGATIVE

I wasn't watching

You weren't watching

He wasn't watching

She wasn't watching

It wasn't watching

We weren't watching

You weren't watching

They weren't watching



PAST CONTINUOUS

INTERROGATIVE

QUESTIONS

Was I watching?

Were you watching?

Was he watching?

Was she watching?

Was it watching?

Were we watching?

Were you watching?

Were they watching?

SHORT ANSWERS

Yes, I was/you were

No, I wasn't/you weren't

Yes, he/she/it was

No, he/she/it wasn't

Yes, we/you/they were

No, we/you/they weren't

**What was he doing
yesterday at 7 a.m.?**



**He was having
a shower**

**What were you
doing yesterday
at 7 a.m.?**



**What was he doing
yesterday at 7.30 a.m.?**



**He was having
breakfast**



PRONUNCIATION | /i:/ and /ɪ/



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5 Listen to the two words. Which has an /i:/ sound and which has an /ɪ/ sound?

sɪnk ceiling

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In pairs, match the words to the sounds in Exercise 5.

eat	feet	fit	he'll
he's	hill	his	it
leave	live	seat	sit



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Listen and check. Then repeat.

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Look at the example sentences from the text. Find and underline all the verbs in the sentences. Which verbs are past simple and which verbs are past continuous?

- a** Gary was building everything for their new home, while Paula was working.
- b** They were looking at homes on the internet one day, when Tim, Gary's dad, had an idea.
- c** Finally, Gary finished the work on the lorry and they moved in.

4 Complete the sentences using the past simple or the past continuous. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1** While my brother was painting his bedroom, my sister was helping (help) our mum in the garden.
- 2** We lived (live) in an apartment for a year and then we moved to a house.
- 3** My dad was cooking (cook) dinner in the kitchen when I arrived home from school.
- 4** I did my homework and we ate (eat) dinner in the kitchen.
- 5** When Mum phoned me, I was leaving / left (leave) my classroom with my friends.
- 6** While my parents were watching (watch) TV, I was playing computer games with my friends.

1 I felt very nervous while we watched the match.

2 We waited at a bus stop when we first met.

3 We were amazed when we were finding so much money.

4 While I cleaning the kitchen, I saw the broken window.

5 It is snowing when we went outside.

6 I was leaving the house just after you called me.

