

## Past Continuous

An ongoing action happening at a particular time in the past

Subject	was / were	verb + ing
You We They	were	_____ ing
I He She It	was	_____ ing

Put *was / were* in the sentences below.

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ playing the piano yesterday afternoon.

Simon and Mary \_\_\_\_\_ doing the gardening at 3 pm yesterday.

I \_\_\_\_\_ having a shower when you called.

We \_\_\_\_\_ learning about Irish history last week.

\_\_\_\_\_ you shopping yesterday?

What \_\_\_\_\_ she doing yesterday morning?

The Irish rugby team \_\_\_\_\_ playing a match yesterday.

Her family \_\_\_\_\_ travelling by bus in the afternoon.

His pets \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping all day.

Deirdre and Patricia \_\_\_\_\_ cooking the dinner yesterday evening.

Simon \_\_\_\_\_ running for the bus when I saw him.

\_\_\_\_\_ they feeling sad after the movie?

Manchester and Liverpool \_\_\_\_\_ playing a match yesterday.

**Put the gerund verb below in the correct sentence.**

playing	travelling	doing	looking for	meeting
wearing	studying	minding	feeding	cleaning
staying	flying	feeling	fixing	painting

1. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to Italy this time last week.
2. Patrick was \_\_\_\_\_ for his exam all day yesterday.
3. We were \_\_\_\_\_ my brother's children on Saturday.
4. She was \_\_\_\_\_ her necklace because it was lost.
5. I was \_\_\_\_\_ my cousin at the Spire in Dublin at 6 pm.
6. John was \_\_\_\_\_ the broken washing machine yesterday.
7. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by bus from Dublin to Galway yesterday afternoon.
8. The farmer was \_\_\_\_\_ the animals all morning.
9. We were \_\_\_\_\_ in a wonderful hotel this time last month.
10. Peter and Paul were \_\_\_\_\_ the outside of the house yesterday.
11. Jack was \_\_\_\_\_ his homework late last night.
12. Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful dress yesterday.
13. I was \_\_\_\_\_ up after the party for hours yesterday.
14. Chelsea and Arsenal were \_\_\_\_\_ a match yesterday.
15. Michael was \_\_\_\_\_ down after saying goodbye to his girlfriend.

Find someone who...	Name
was shopping yesterday at 4 pm.	
was cooking dinner yesterday at 6pm.	
was studying English last night.	
was walking in the park yesterday afternoon.	
was speaking on the telephone to a friend at 9 pm last night.	
was dancing at a party on Saturday night.	
was sleeping yesterday at 9 am.	
was playing a sport yesterday afternoon.	
was online at 7 pm yesterday evening.	
was watching a movie at 10 pm last night.	
was reading a book last night.	
was drinking coffee at 8 am this morning.	
was brushing their teeth at 8 am this morning.	
was speaking English at 7 pm yesterday evening.	
was watching sport on TV at the weekend.	
was just relaxing yesterday at 3 pm.	

**Ask these questions to your classmate**

What were you doing at 10 am yesterday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at 1 pm yesterday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at 3 pm yesterday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at 5 pm yesterday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at 8 pm yesterday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at 11 pm yesterday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at 6 pm on Saturday?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

What were you doing at this time last week?

He / She was \_\_\_\_\_

**Rewrite the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

playing / Tomas / yesterday / was / tennis / afternoon

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were / at / They / 5 pm / yesterday / swimming

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was / raining / all / morning / It

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Ireland / playing / last / a rugby / Saturday / was / match

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11 pm / was / at / sleeping / night / I / last

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relaxing / on / She / afternoon / was / Sunday

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Michael / Patrick / on / hiking / were / and / Saturday

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on / snowing / It / Day / in 2010 / was / Christmas

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were / cooking / at / evening / 6 pm / yesterday / They / dinner

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waiting / for / at the / He / over / was / bus stop / an hour

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shopping / were / all / on / They / day / Saturday

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praying / He / Sunday / was / morning / on

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**What is wrong with these sentences?  
(grammar, syntax or spelling)**

**Change the mistake to make it correct.**

They was playing football yesterday afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_

He were eating an apple during the movie. \_\_\_\_\_

It were raining heavily all day on Sunday. \_\_\_\_\_

She was caling her friends during the class. \_\_\_\_\_

They were travelling to Paris in train. \_\_\_\_\_

Maria was cooking dinner evening yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_

Pat is watching a movie last night. \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremy was making his homework yesterday afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_

Tom was sleeping at 12 pm night last. \_\_\_\_\_

Simon and Moira are flying to London this time last week. \_\_\_\_\_

I was studing for my final test on Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_

Peter was playing tennis in Saturday morning. \_\_\_\_\_

They were cleaning at yesterday 6 pm. \_\_\_\_\_

Kate is always drawing when she was young. \_\_\_\_\_

Tim was looking at his lost phone yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_

We were minding my children's brother last weekend. \_\_\_\_\_

Ben was taking to his sister on the telephone last night. \_\_\_\_\_

The Garda were searching for the criminals at the moment. \_\_\_\_\_

## Negative and Question

Negative	Question
I / He / She / It: wasn't	Were: you / we / they ...?
You / We / They: weren't	Was: I / he / she / it ...?

Put **was / were / wasn't / weren't** into the sentences below to make questions and negatives.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ cooking dinner at 7 pm yesterday.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul playing basketball yesterday?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you waiting a long time for the bus?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ they meeting you at the Spire?
5. Arsenal \_\_\_\_\_ playing on Sunday.
6. It \_\_\_\_\_ raining on Sunday.
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ watching anything interesting last night.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Mary sitting next to you?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ they feeling tired this morning?
10. Tim \_\_\_\_\_ waiting a very long time for the bus.
11. Sally, John, Sarah and Pete \_\_\_\_\_ misbehaving in class.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ he speaking with the Garda yesterday?
13. \_\_\_\_\_ the dogs making a lot of noise?
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ wearing her new jacket at the party.

**Fill in the information below so that it is true for you.**

This morning at 9 am I was \_\_\_\_\_.

Yesterday morning at 11 am I was \_\_\_\_\_.

I was cooking / eating \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday evening.

I was watching \_\_\_\_\_ last night.

At 10 pm last night I was \_\_\_\_\_.

This time yesterday I was \_\_\_\_\_.

Last Saturday afternoon I was \_\_\_\_\_.

Last Sunday morning I was \_\_\_\_\_.

Last Friday night I was \_\_\_\_\_.

Last month in class I was learning about \_\_\_\_\_.

**- ASK YOUR PARTNER / CLASSMATES -**

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday evening.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ at 10 pm last night.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ this time yesterday.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday afternoon.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday morning.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ last Friday night.

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ last month.

**Ask your partner and write the answer:**

Question	Yes he / she was No he / she wasn't
Were you sleeping at 7 am this morning?	
Were you travelling by bus at 5 pm yesterday?	
Were you drinking coffee at 8 am this morning?	
Were you studying English at 3 pm yesterday afternoon?	
Were you cleaning your home last Saturday afternoon?	
Were you cooking at 6 pm yesterday evening?	
Were you walking to school about 30 minutes ago?	
Were you relaxing anywhere on holiday last August?	
Were you doing some shopping last Saturday morning?	
Were you chatting with anybody at 8 pm last night?	
Were you doing any exercise last Sunday?	
Were you studying anything this morning?	
Were you having a shower at 10 pm last night?	
Were you brushing your teeth at 8 am this morning?	
Were you having lunch about an hour ago?	
Were you reading anything interesting yesterday evening?	
Were you doing your homework at 8 pm last night?	
Were you watching a movie last Friday night?	

**Can you write 10 sentences using the Past Continuous?**

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