

Past Continuous Tense.

An action in progress at a past point in time.

was / were + verb + ing



Teacher - Look at the clock and tell me.

What were you doing at 7 o' clock yesterday?

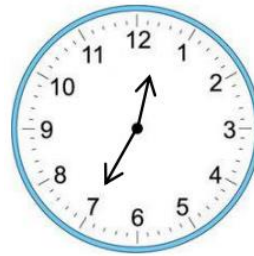
Chamara - I was watching television.

Ravi - I was reading a book.

Savindu - I was doing my homework.

Nadee - I was washing my clothes.

Lahiru - I was watching television.



❖ **What was Ravi doing?**

- He was reading a book.

❖ **What were Chamara and Lahiru doing?**

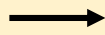
- They were watching television.

He was reading a book.



Affirmative form

He was not reading a book.



Negative form

was he reading a book?

Wasn't he reading a book?



Interrogative form (Question form)

❖ Tick the sentences with Past continuous form.

Tick off (✓) cages where sentences are in past continuous tense.

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| 1) | My parents are working in the garden. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) | We were helping our parents. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) | My sister gets up late every day. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) | Faiz was playing his violin. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) | The children were shouting in the class. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) | Mr. Ranaweera came here. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) | He went to Galle with his mother. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) | I was talking to a friend. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) | My mother is cooking rice. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10) | The cat is eating fish. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11) | He was not watching a movie. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12) | Were you singing a song? | <input type="checkbox"/> |





❖ Construct meaningful Sentences.

My father	Was were	Playing	rats.
My mother		Sitting	a picture.
The cats		Driving	in the
The		Reading	ground.
Teacher		Painting	Rice
The artist		Singing	a bus.
The driver		Teaching	answer
The girl		Chasing	papers.
The boy		Cooking	the floor.
They		working	English.
We			a song.
			in the garden.

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❖ **Fill in the blanks using the past continuous tense.**

Last evening one of my friends came to visit us. At that time, I (help) my mother. My mother.....(cook) our dinner. My father..... (read) a newspaper. My two brothers (play) in the compound. My grandparents.....(worship) the Lord Buddha.

❖ **Rearrange the sentences**

- 01) was / I / a / book / reading
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- 02) playing / were / They / badminton
.....
- 03) the / watering / We / plants / were
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- 04) cat / was / The / a / climbing / tree
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- 05) letter / she / was / a / writing
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❖ **Write these sentences using Past Continuous Negative form**

Was / were + not + verb + ing

- ❖ My mother was not cooking in the kitchen
- ❖ They were not playing in the garden

- 01) He was reading in the library.
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- 02) Mr Nizam was teaching us Tamil.
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- 03) They were playing in the paddy field.
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- 04) Ruwan was riding his bicycle.
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- 05) My grandfather was telling us a story
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❖ Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



have an exam

What was he doing at 2.55 p.m. yesterday?
He was having an exam at 2.55 p.m. yesterday.



play football

What were they doing around 3 o'clock last Friday?

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watch TV

What was he doing last night?

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eat a pizza

What was he eating last evening?

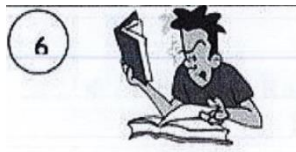
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camp in the forest

What were they doing last Saturday morning?

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do homework

What was he doing around 11 o'clock yesterday?

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plant a tree

What were they doing at 4.30 p.m. yesterday?

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ride a bike in the park

What was she doing yesterday morning?

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