

Past Continuous

We make the Past Continuous with **was / were + ...ing**

AFFIRMATIVE

I / he / she / it **was** singing
you / we / they **were** singing

NEGATIVE

I/he/she/it **wasn't** singing
you / we / they **weren't** singing

INTERROGATIVE

Was I / he / she / it singing?
Were you / we / they singing?

We use the Past Continuous to express:

a) Actions in progress at a moment in the past.

E.g.: last night at 9 o'clock I was reading a book.

b) Describing a scene.

E.g: It was an awful morning. It was raining heavily and the wind was blowing.

c) Actions happening at the same time in the past.

E.g.: My mother was cooking while I was reading a book.

CONNECTORS: as, because, when, while

A) What was Mark doing yesterday at ? Look at the pictures and write sentences .



4.00 p.m. / drink wine



5.00 p.m. / watch TV



6.00 p.m. / talk with Sue



6.30 p.m. / listen to music



7.00 p.m. / shop



8.00 p.m. / drive back home



9.00 p.m. / cook dinner



9.30 p.m. / read a book



10.00 p.m. / Walk the dog



11.00 p.m. / smoke

Example: At 4 o'clock he was drinking wine.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

B) Complete with the Past Continuous:

1. I _____ (play) cards while Mark _____ (watch) TV.
2. _____ (they listen) to music while they _____ (study)?
3. The bees _____ (make) honey while the Sun _____ (shine).
4. She _____ (not/ learn) French while she _____ (live) with us.