

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

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S + was/were + V-ing

She was cooking all morning.

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S + was/were + not + V-ing

She was not sleeping when he came home.

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Was/were + S + V-ing?

Was she sleeping when he came home?

Usage

Example

To describe parallel actions

While I was washing the dishes, I heard a loud noise.

To describe what someone was doing at a particular point in time

I was working in the garden all day yesterday.

To express interrupted action in the past

I was driving to work when I crashed my car.

To describe repetition and irritation

He was always complaining in class.

- "What were you doing at 3 PM yesterday?"
- "What were you doing this time last week?"
- "What was your mum doing when you arrived home?"
- "What were you doing when your friend called you yesterday?"

Watch the video and answer the questions in eclass unit 4 or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etvW0FOD_so&t=37s

1. Can you describe the scene while Julia was sitting in the balcony?
2. Why did Julia decide to make spaghetti?
3. What was she doing when the jar slipped out of her hands?
4. Why did she knock over a display of chips?
5. What happened at the check out?
6. What was her brother doing at 8 o'clock in the evening?
7. What was Mrs Brown doing when the fire started?