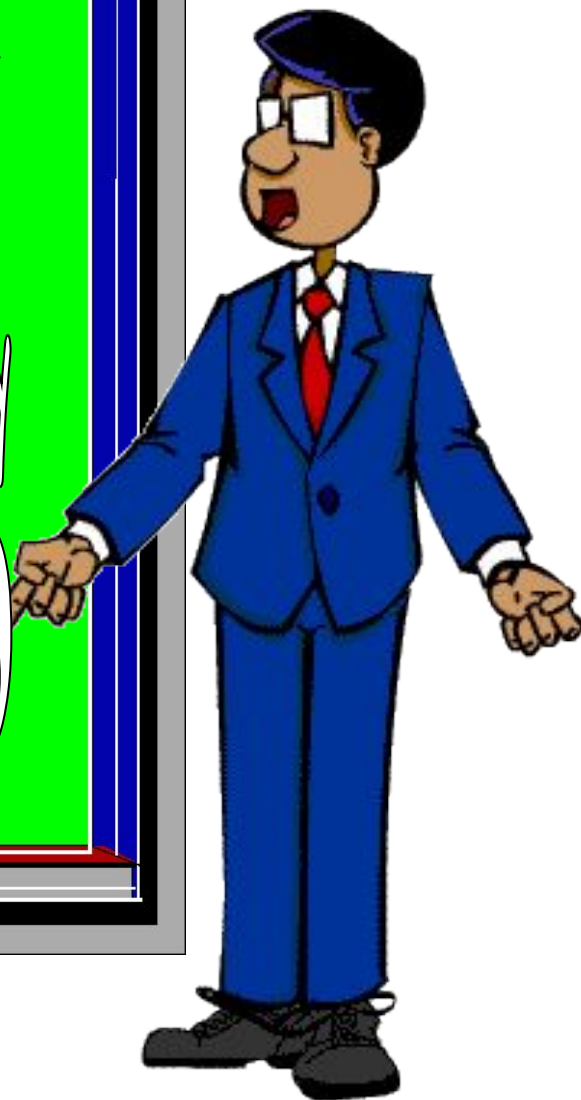


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# Grammar Study

# PAST CONTINUOUS

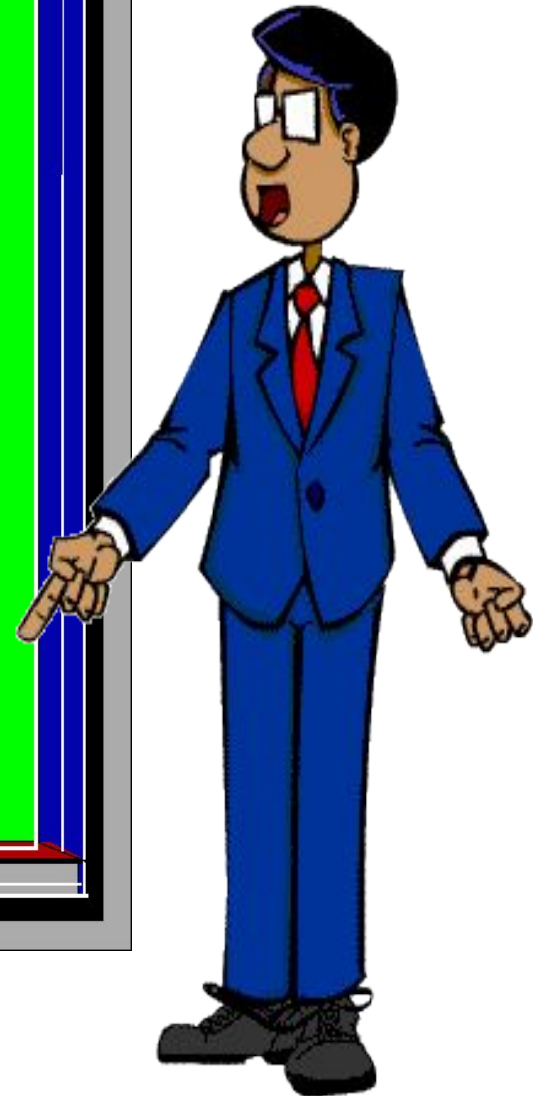


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The Past continuous describes an action or event in a **time before now**, which began in the past and **was still going on** at the time of speaking.

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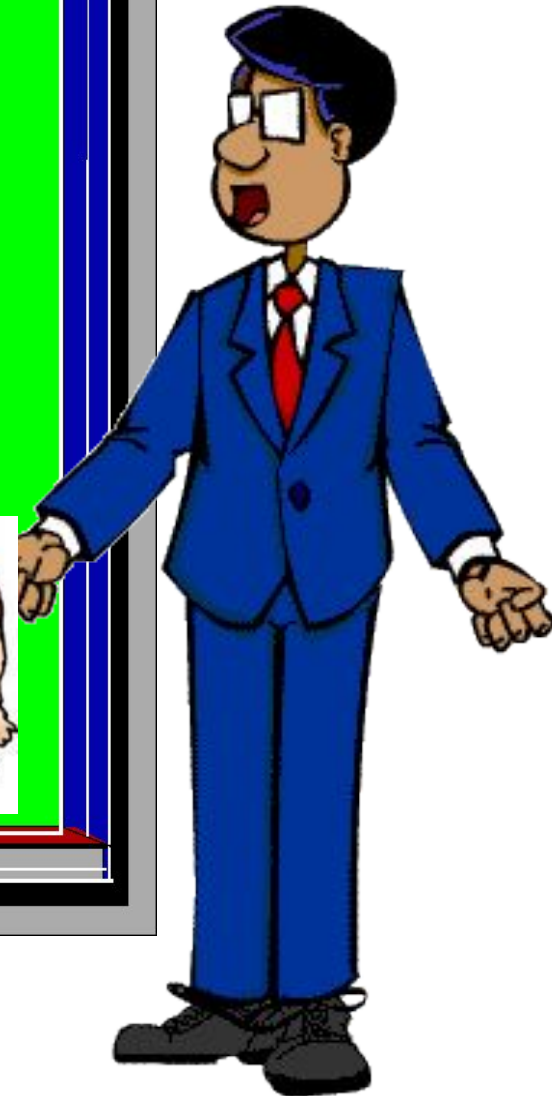
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# Form:

I **was** reading.  
you **were** reading.  
he **was** reading.  
she **was** reading.  
it **was** eating.  
we **were** reading.  
they **were** reading.

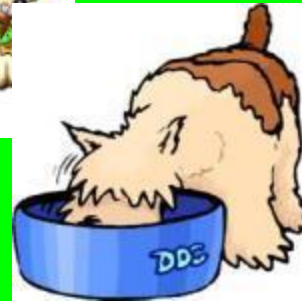


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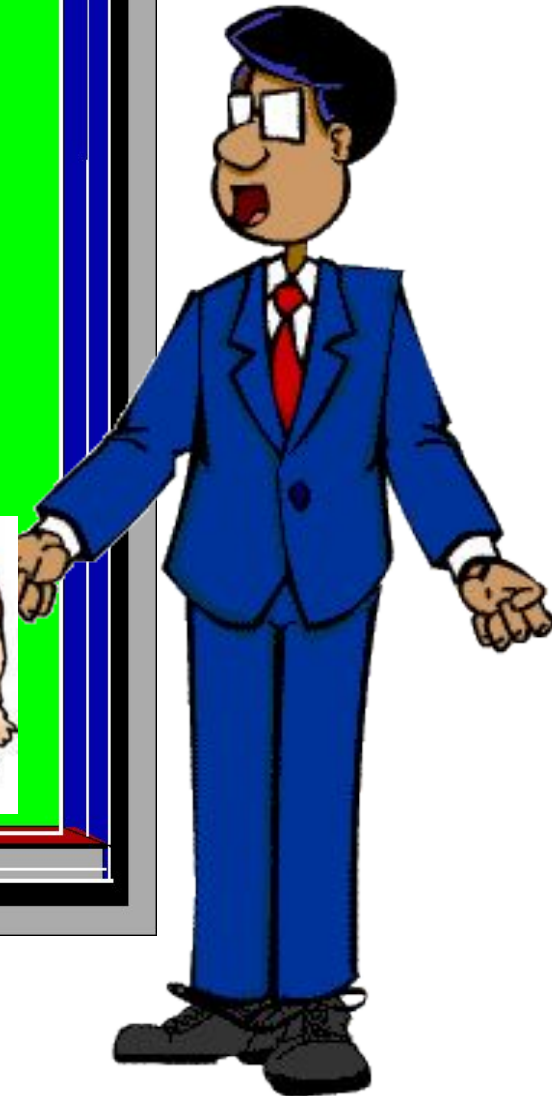


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I **wasn't** reading.  
you **weren't** reading.  
he **wasn't** reading.  
she **wasn't** reading.  
it **wasn't** eating.  
we **weren't** reading.  
they **weren't** reading.

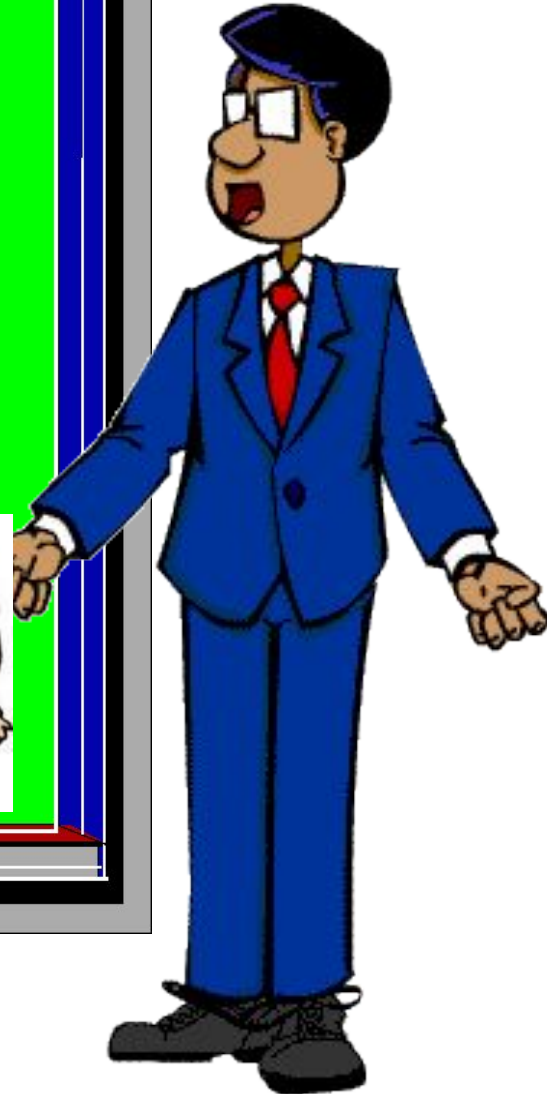


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Was I reading?  
Were you reading?  
Was he reading?  
Was she reading?  
Was it eating?  
Were we reading?  
Were they reading?



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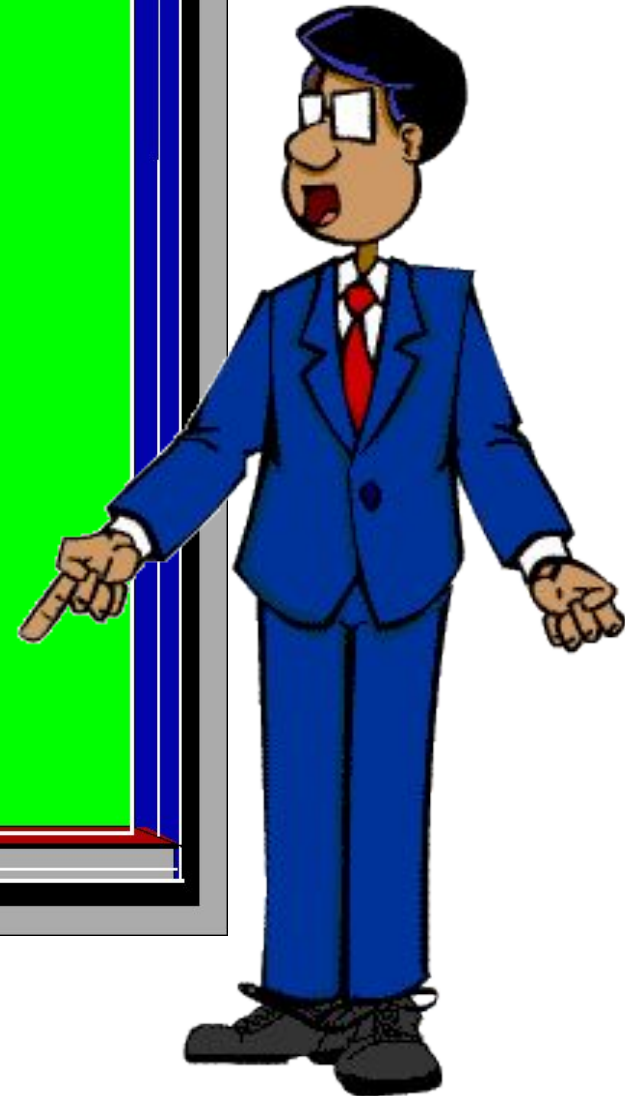
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## Use :

The Past Continuous is used to:

- Talk about an action that had already started and was still continuing at a particular time.

At 8.00 O' clock I **was** sleeping.



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It is also used to:

-describe an unfinished action that was interrupted by another event or action.

I **was watching** TV when she phoned.



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It is also used to:

-describe two actions that were both continuing at the same time in the past. In this case we use past continuous for both actions.

While I **was** reading. Mary **was** sleeping.



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## Notes:

-When you talk about things in the past, **when** is most often followed by the **simple past**, whereas **while** is usually followed by **past continuous**.

-**While** expresses the idea of "during that time".

The following examples have similar meanings, but they emphasize different parts of the sentence.:

I was writing an e-mail **when** my computer went off.

**While** I was writing an e-mail, my computer went off.

