

PAST CONTINUOUS

Grammar

This woman is a great gossip. She enjoys talking about other people.



But there's more!

She also likes watching what people in the building opposite hers do using her binoculars.



Yesterday at 9.15 a.m. she was spying on her neighbours.

What were they doing?



3rd



They were watching TV.



He was eating.



2nd A

She was talking on the phone.



2nd B

They were having a coffee.



A

They were reading.



1st B

What about you?

What were you doing yesterday at 9.15 a.m.?

I was....



Past continuous form

Affirmative

I She He It	<u>was</u>	
We You They	<u>were</u>	eating watch <u>ing</u> TV



Past continuous form

Negative

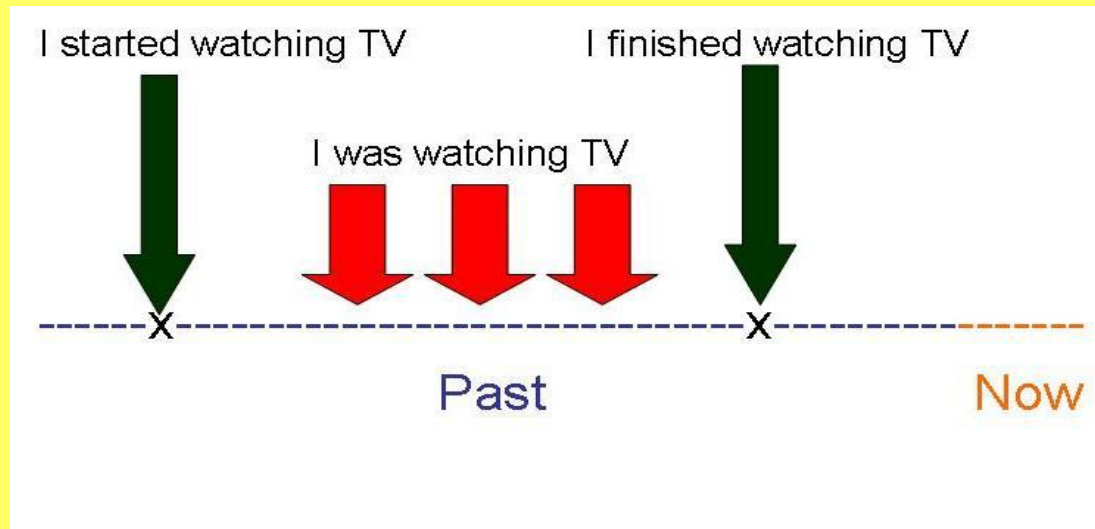
Interrogative

I She He It	wasn't	reading
We You They	weren't	

Was	I she he It	reading?
Were	we you they	

Uses of the past continuous

- To describe a past action in progress at a certain time.



*What **were** you **doing** yesterday at 8 o'clock?*

***I was watching** the news on TV*

*The police officer broke her leg when she **was running.***

She was running →

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*I **was having** a shower when the phone rang.*

I was having a shower →

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Time expressions with the past continuous

- **While**

*While the band **was playing**, a mobile phone rang.*

*While Jane **was doing** the washing-up, I **was doing** the ironing.*

- **When**

*I **was walking** home when I met Dave.*