

# 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**

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**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

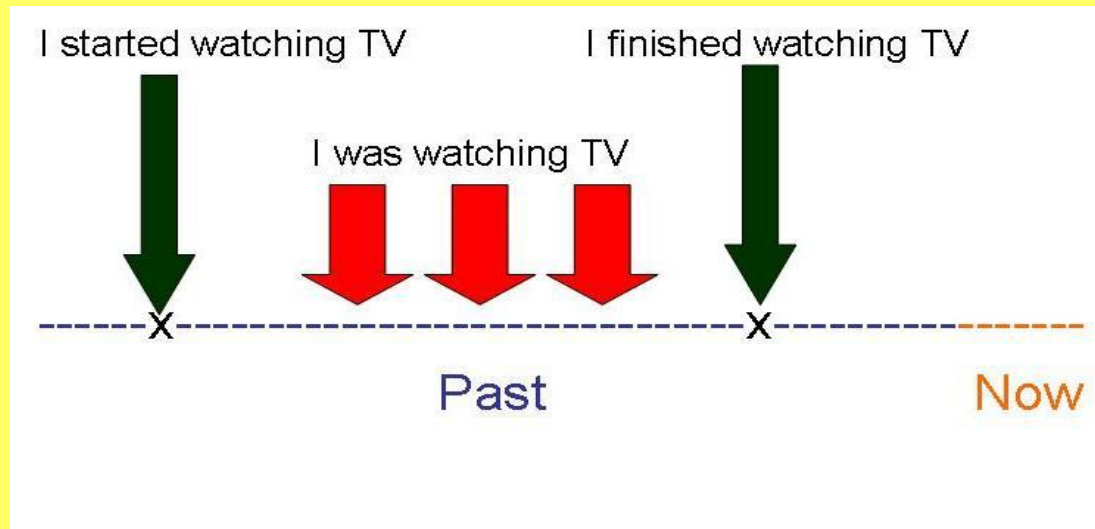
Interrogative

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.*