

## I was doing (past continuous)

4:00                      now (6:00)

It is 6:00 now.  
Rob **is** home.  
He **is watching** TV.

At 4:00 he **wasn't** at home.  
He **was** at the gym.

He **was swimming** in the pool.  
He **wasn't watching** TV.

3:30                      4:00                      4:15

he started swimming                      he **was swimming**                      he finished swimming

## B

was/were + -ing is the *past continuous*:

## Affirmative

I he she it	<b>was</b>	<b>doing</b> <b>watching</b> <b>playing</b> <b>swimming</b> <b>living</b> etc.
we you they	<b>were</b>	

## Negative

I he she it	<b>was not</b> <b>(wasn't)</b>	<b>doing</b> <b>watching</b> <b>playing</b> <b>swimming</b> <b>living</b> etc.
we you they	<b>were not</b> <b>(weren't)</b>	

## Question

<b>was</b>	I he she it	<b>doing?</b> <b>watching?</b> <b>playing?</b> <b>swimming?</b> <b>living?</b> etc.
<b>were</b>	we you they	

- ☐ What **were** you **doing** at 11:30 yesterday? **Were** you **working**?
- ☐ "What did he say?" "I don't know. I **wasn't listening**."
- ☐ It **was raining** so we didn't go out.
- ☐ In 2009 we **were living** in Japan.
- ☐ Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** pants.
- ☐ I woke up early yesterday. It was a beautiful morning. The sun **was shining** and the birds **were singing**.

Spelling (live → living / run → running / lie → lying, etc.) → Appendix 5

## C

am/is/are + -ing (present) → was/were + -ing (past):

## Present

- ☐ I'm **working** (now).
- ☐ It **isn't raining** (now).
- ☐ What **are** you **doing** (now)?






## Past

- ☐ I **was working** at 10:30 last night.
- ☐ It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- ☐ What **were** you **doing** at 3:00?

Exercises

13.1

Look at the pictures. Where were these people at 3:00 yesterday afternoon? And what were they doing? Write two sentences for each picture.

 <p>1</p> <p>RACHEL</p> <p>home watch TV</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>JACK KATE</p> <p>at the movies watch a movie</p>	 <p>3</p> <p>TOM</p> <p>in his car drive</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>AMANDA</p> <p>at the station wait for a train</p>	 <p>5</p> <p>MR. AND MRS. HALL</p> <p>in the park walk</p>
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- 1 Rachel was home. She was watching TV.
- 2 Jack and Kate ..... They .....
- 3 Tom .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 And you? I .....

13.2

Sarah did a lot of things yesterday. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.

 <p>7:10 - 7:25</p> <p>breakfast</p>	 <p>7:30 - 8:10</p> <p>NEWS</p>	 <p>8:30 - 9:00</p>
 <p>9:20 - 10:00</p>	 <p>10:15 - 11:45</p>	 <p>12:00 - 12:45</p>

- 1 At 8:45 she was washing her car.
- 2 At 10:45 she .....
- 3 At 8:00 .....
- 4 At 12:10 .....
- 5 At 7:15 .....
- 6 At 9:30 .....

13.3

Complete the questions. Use **was/were -ing**. Use **what/where/why** if necessary.

- 1 (you/live) Where were you living ..... in 2012?
- 2 (you/do) ..... at 2:00?
- 3 (it/rain) ..... when you got up?
- 4 (Sue/drive) ..... so fast?
- 5 (Tom/wear) ..... a suit yesterday?

In Brazil.  
I was asleep.  
No, it was sunny.  
Because she was late.  
No, a T-shirt and jeans.

13.4

Look at the picture. You saw Joe in the street yesterday afternoon. What was he doing? Write affirmative or negative sentences.



- 1 (wear / a jacket) He wasn't wearing a jacket.
- 2 (carry / a bag) .....
- 3 (ride / a bike) .....
- 4 (go / home) .....
- 5 (wear / a hat) .....
- 6 (carry / an umbrella) .....
- 7 (go / to the dentist) .....
- 8 (eat / an ice cream cone) .....