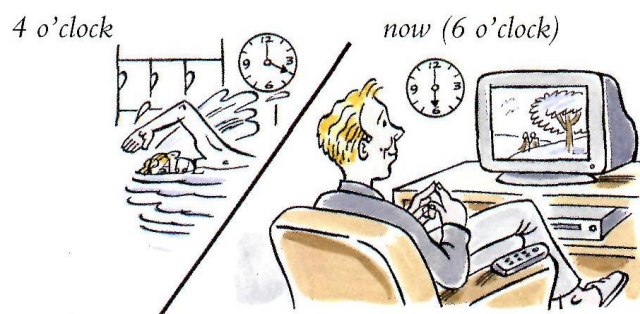


I was doing (past continuous)



It is 6 o'clock now.

Paul **is** at home.

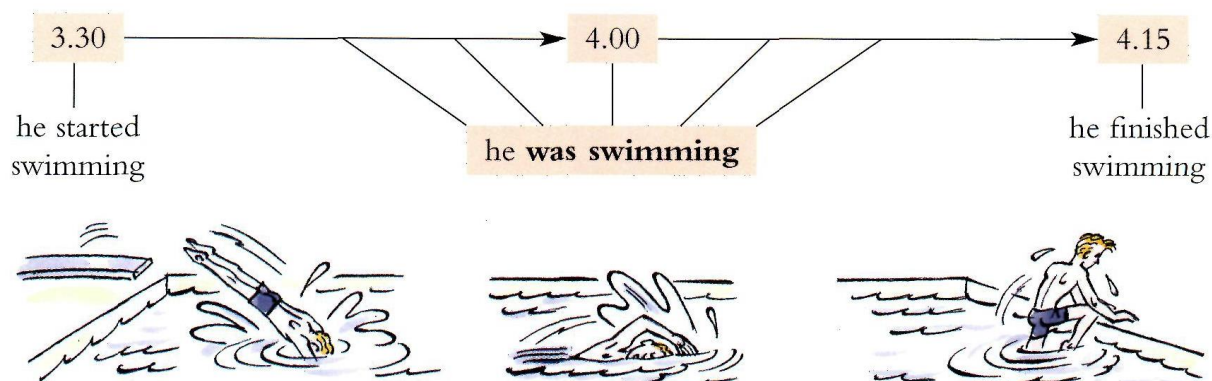
He **is watching** television.

At 4 o'clock he **wasn't** at home.

He **was** at the sports club.

He **was swimming** in the pool.

He **wasn't watching** television.



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

positive

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

negative

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

question

was	I he she it	doing? watching? playing? swimming? living? etc.
were	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 2001 we **were living** in Canada.
- Today she's wearing a skirt, but yesterday she **was wearing** trousers.
- 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

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


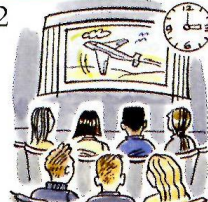



present

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

past





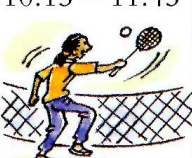

- I **was working** at 10.30 last night.
- It **wasn't raining** when we went out.
- What **were** you **doing** at three o'clock?

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

 1 RACHEL at home watch TV	 2 JACK KATE at the cinema watch a film	 3 TIM in his car drive	 4 TRACEY at the station wait for a train	 5 MR AND MRS HALL in the park walk
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- 1 Rachel was at home. She was watching TV.
- 2 Jack and Kate They
- 3 Tim
- 4
- 5
- 6 And you? I

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


7.10 – 7.25 	7.30 – 8.10 	8.30 – 9.00 
9.20 – 10.00 	10.15 – 11.45 	12.00 – 12.45 

- 1 At 8.45 she was washing her car.
- 2 At 10.45 she
- 3 At 8 o'clock
- 4 At 12.10
- 5 At 7.15
- 6 At 9.30

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

1 (you/live) Where were you living in 1999?	In London. I was asleep. No, it was sunny. Because she was late. No, a T-shirt and jeans.
2 (you/do) at 2 o'clock?	
3 (it/rain) when you got up?	
4 (Sue/drive) so fast?	
5 (Tim/wear) a suit yesterday?	

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

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

I was doing (past continuous) and I did (past simple)



Jack was reading a book.

The phone rang.

He stopped reading.

He answered the phone.

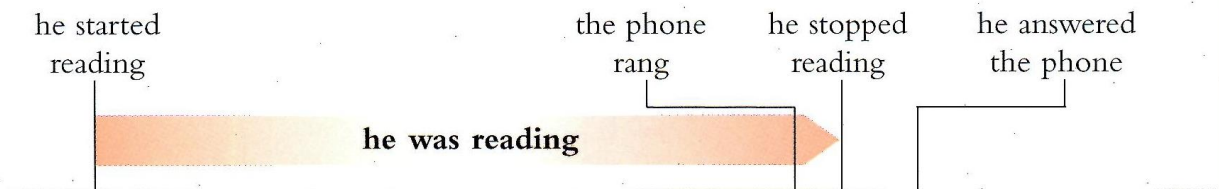
What **happened**? The phone **rang**. (*past simple*)

What **was** Jack **doing** when the phone rang? } (*past continuous*)
He **was reading** a book.

What **did** he **do** when the phone rang? } (*past simple*)
He **stopped** reading and **answered** the phone.

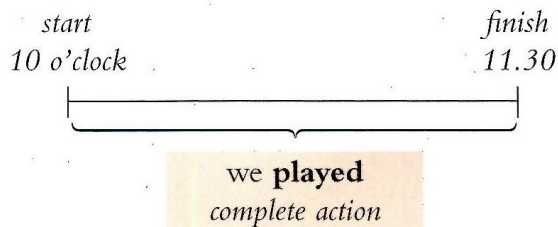
Jack began reading *before* the phone rang.

So *when* the phone rang, he **was reading**.



past simple

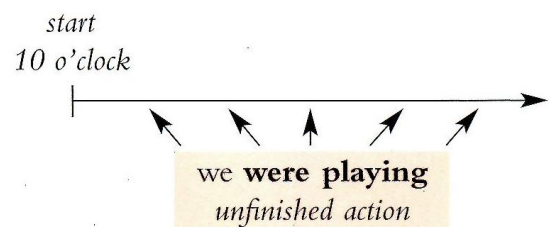
- A: What **did** you **do** yesterday morning?
B: We **played** tennis. (from 10 to 11.30)



- Jack **read** a book yesterday. (= from beginning to end)
□ **Did** you **watch** the film on television last night?
□ It **didn't rain** while we were on holiday.

past continuous

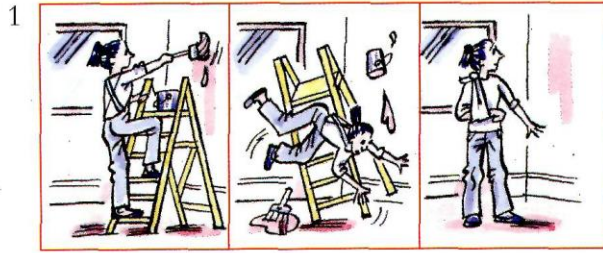
- A: What **were** you **doing** at 10.30?
B: We **were playing** tennis.



- Jack **was reading** a book when the phone rang.
□ **Were** you **watching** television when I phoned you?
□ It **wasn't raining** when I got up.

- I **started** work at 9 o'clock and **finished** at 4.30. At 2.30 I **was working**.
□ It **was raining** when we **went** out. (= it started raining *before* we went out)
□ I **saw** Lucy and Steve this morning. They **were waiting** at the bus stop.
□ Kelly **fell** asleep while she **was reading**.

Look at the pictures. Put the verbs in the correct form, past continuous or past simple.



Lucy broke (break) her arm last week.
It (happen) when
she (paint) her
room. She (fall)
off the ladder.



The train (arrive)
at the station and Paula
(get) off. Two friends of hers, Jon and
Rachel, (wait) to
meet her.



Yesterday Sue (walk)
along the road when she (meet)
James. He (go)
to the station to catch a train and he
..... (carry) a bag.
They (stop) to
talk for a few minutes.

Put the verb into the past continuous or past simple.

- 1 A: What were you doing (you/do) when the phone rang (ring)?
B: I was watching (watch) television.
- 2 A: Was Jane busy when you went to see her?
B: Yes, she (study).
- 3 A: What time (the post / arrive) this morning?
B: It (come) while I (have) breakfast.
- 4 A: Was Tracey at work today?
B: No, she (not/go) to work. She was ill.
- 5 A: How fast (you/drive) when the police
..... (stop) you?
B: I'm not sure, but I (not/drive) very fast.
- 6 A: (your team / win) the football match yesterday?
B: The weather was very bad, so we (not/play).
- 7 A: How (you/break) the window?
B: We (play) football. I (kick) the ball
and it (hit) the window.
- 8 A: (you/see) Jenny last night?
B: Yes, she (wear) a very nice jacket.
- 9 A: What (you/do) at 2 o'clock this morning?
B: I was asleep.
- 10 A: I (lose) my key last night.
B: How (you/get) into your room?
A: I (climb) in through a window.